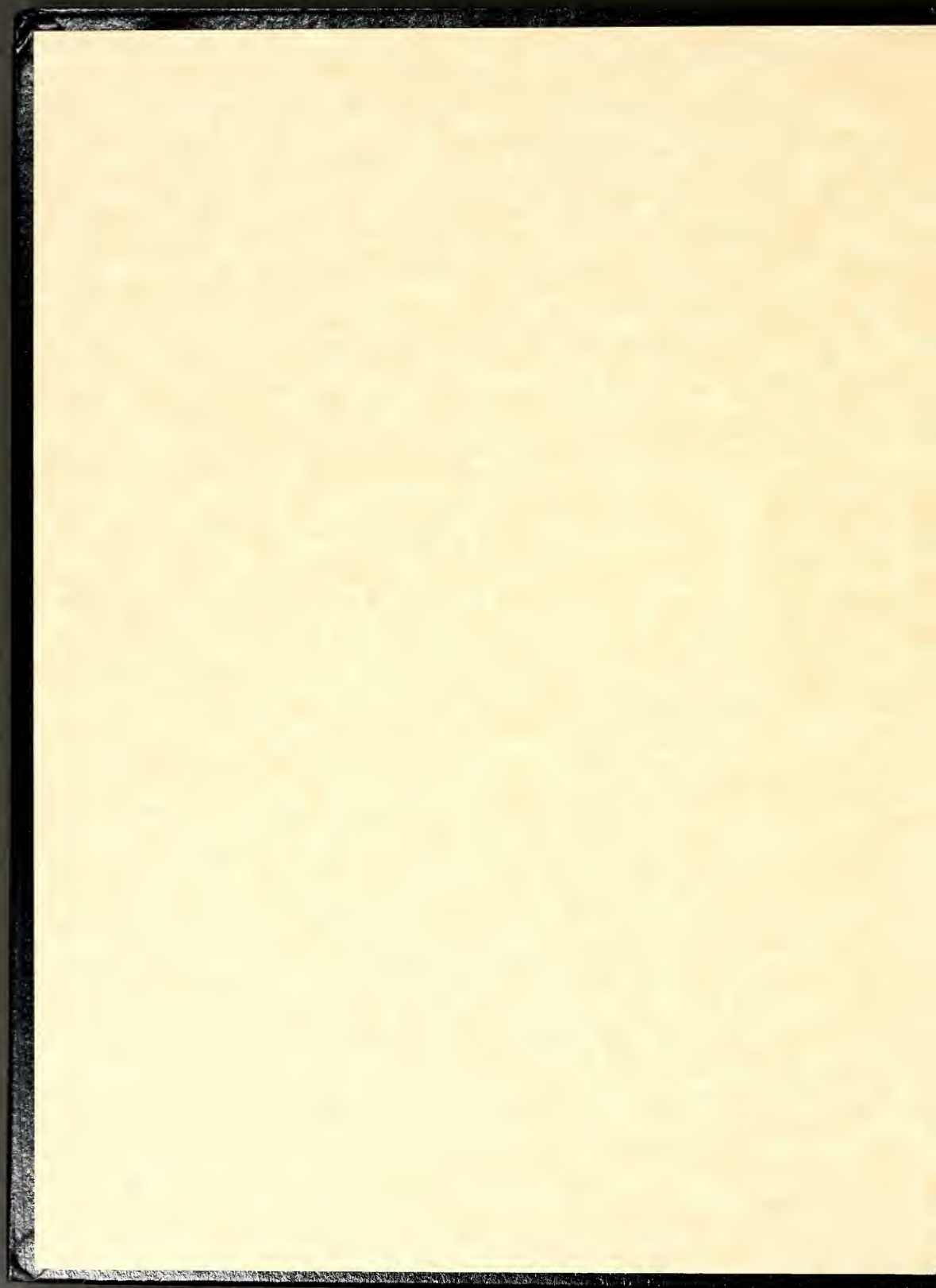
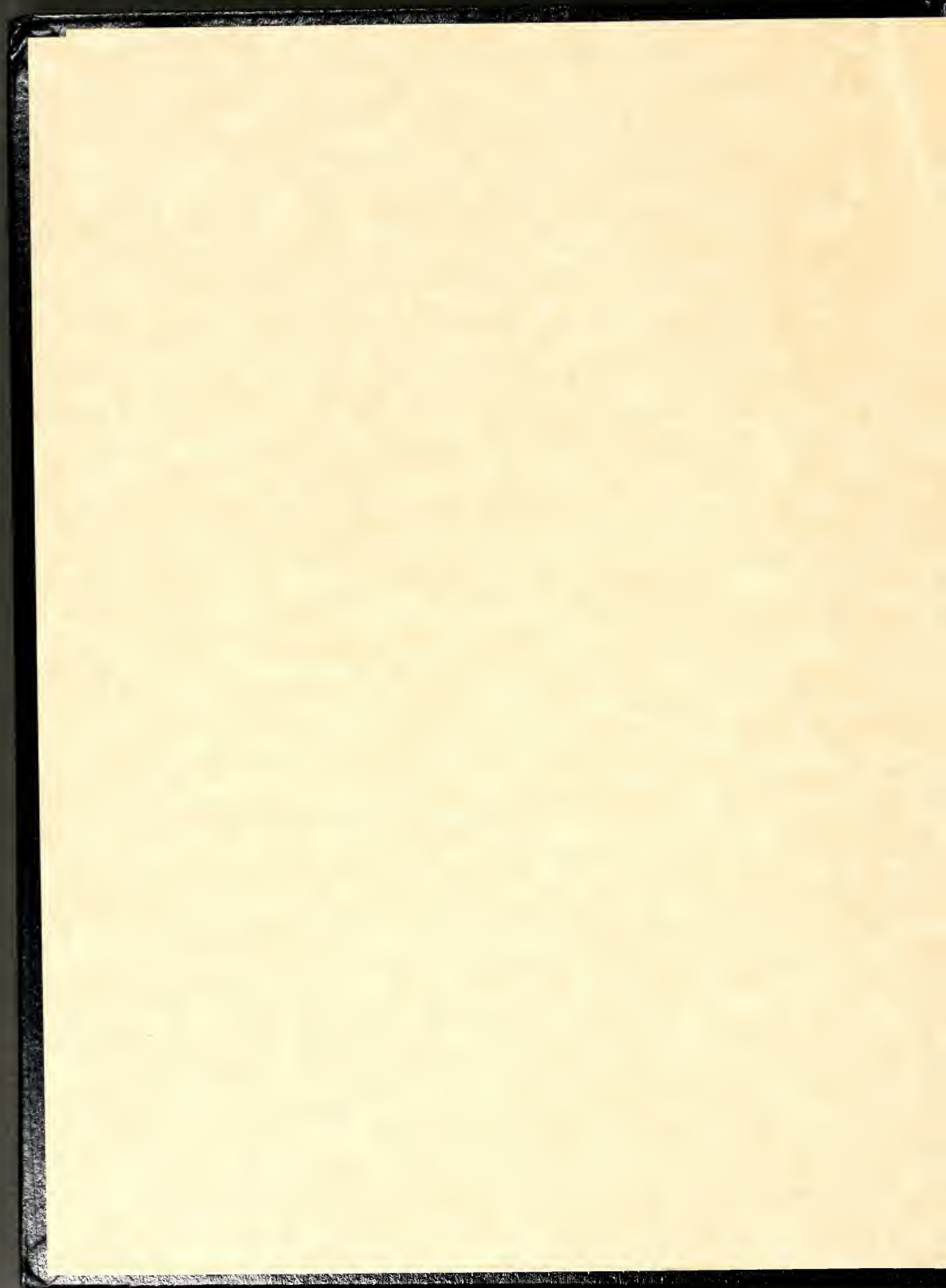




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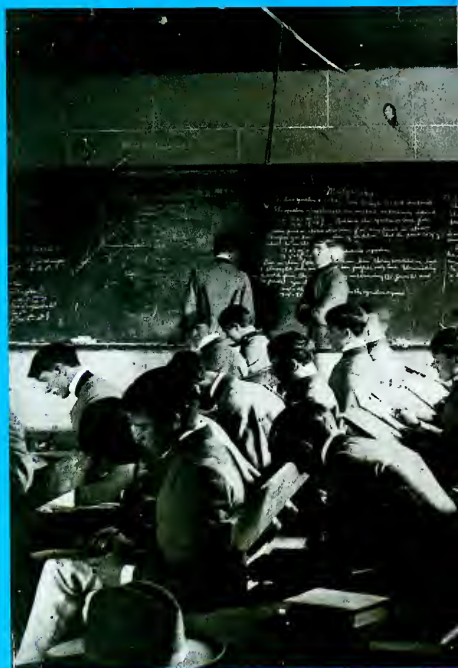
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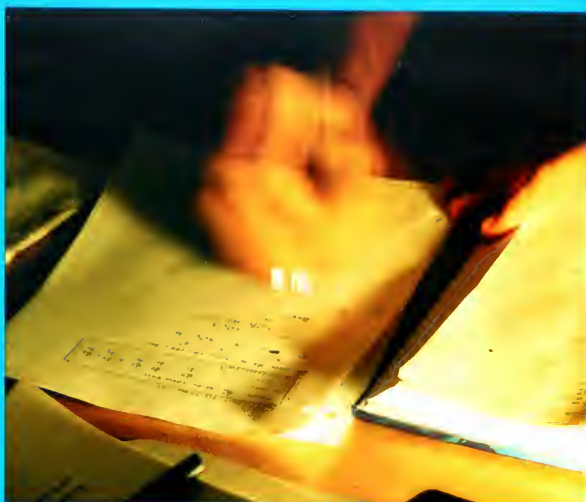
VMI has changed much in the recent past, yet VMI has changed little. We have changed a great deal; never to return from whence we were, save through memories and nostalgic reverie.

Our world inside Limits Gates is unique, marked by regimen

and routine, yet vibrant and alive with the growth that our uncommon experience brings. Stripped of pretense, we are left to discover our authentic selves.

Whether it be in the classroom, the athletic arena, or the military scene, we learn the wisdom of "Stonewall Jackson's words: "You may be whatever you resolve to be."

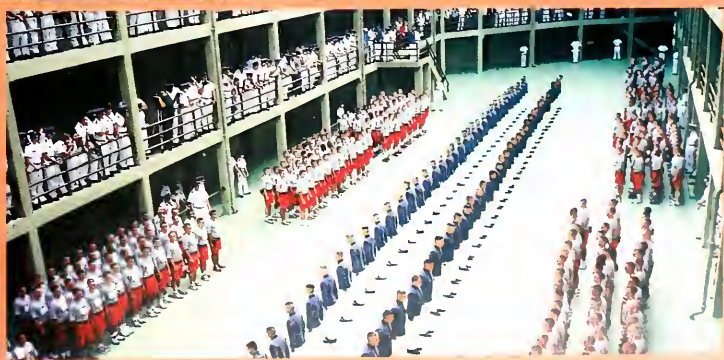
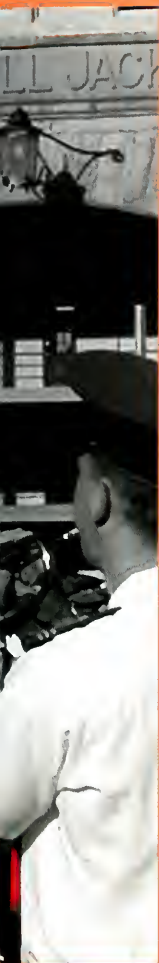




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VMI GLOSSARY

Life at VMI is rife with unique terms and phrases. For most, the average conversation between cadets sounds like an exchange of riddles and code words, and only time and exposure to the 'I' (see below) can remedy this. Therefore, in an attempt to shed some light on the culture of barracks and life in general here at VMI, the 2001 BOMB is proud to present a glossary of terms for the edification of our readers.

AOC:	Assistant officer in charge
All right:	In a place deemed within limits by the powers that be
Blue Book:	Regulations, VMI; the gospel according to the powers that be
BOMB:	The VMI annual
Bone:	(v.) To report; to place a cadet's name on the delinquency sheet. (n.) The result of being boned; a stepping stone to PTs.
BRC:	Breakfast role call
BRF:	One who takes advantage of brother rats.
Brother Rat (BR):	A term of endearment; title used in addressing one's classmate in anticipation of a loan or favor
Bust:	To reduce in rank to private
CQ:	Call to Quarters
CCQ:	Closed Call to Quarters
CQRB:	Call to Quarters with Release in Barracks
Cadet, The:	The VMI weekly paper
Certify:	To attest to the truth of a statement, oral or written, in terms of the published rules of the Honor Court

- Checks:** Confinement checks, during which a cadet on confinement must be all right or bone himself
- Confinement:** A period of enforced meditation awarded to cadets for their grievous sins
- Dyke:** 1 (n.) A combination of your mother, father and older brother, your First Class pal and confidant. 2 (n.) A uniform e.g. Class dyke, church dyke. 3 (n.) The insidious white cross-belts in which a hapless Rat gets hopelessly entangled while trying to dyke out without help. 4 (v.) To get dressed, especially for parade e.g. 'dyke out'
- Excess:** More than the allotted number of demerits for the period.
- FCP:** 1. First Class Privileges: a set of unique and convenient permission enjoyed only by the First Class. 2 Full Class Privileges: A state of grace without which a cadet goes exactly nowhere.
- GIM:** The sick list.
- Gim-Rider:** One who repeatedly gets excused from duty on a small pretext.
- Hay:** The cadet's nearest approach to Heaven; a cot and all accessories. The liberal artist's perpetual hangout and the engineer's regret.
- Hokie:** Student at VPI&SU.

Hold-it:	Appeal made to the bugler when a cadet finds himself in the arch as assembly for formation is imminent.
Hop:	A dance.
Keydet:	Wherein no explanation is necessary.
Limits:	The confines of a cadet's confinement, outside of which it is difficult to strayoid hurting their feelings or injuring their dignity.
Nile:	Woods Creek.
NCO:	Non-commissioned officer e.g. sergeant.
OC:	The officer in charge; a tactical officer.
OCMNI:	Officer in Charge's Midnight Inspection; a measure designed to discourage block running and promote sound and healthful slumber in barracks.
OD:	The officer of the day; the cadet in charge of the guard team.
OG:	The officer of the guard; the OD's prime minister.
Orderly:	Cadet chambermaid. OD's or commandant's bellhop.
Parapet:	The declivity on the south side of barracks.
Police:	Not the fuzz; to clean up, to put in order.
PTs:	Penalty tours. Hard labor as reward for failure to live up to the letter of the law. 50 minutes in duration.

QMD: Quartermaster department, including the tailor shop and the military store located in Richardson Hall.

Rat Bible: The 'Bullet' a source of all wisdom.

Rats: Dumbest and lowliest of all God's creatures.

Running a Period: 28 days without a demerit.

Running the Block: To leave cadet limits without authority. To risk one's freedom and future by answering the late night lure of the bright lights of Greater Downtown Lexington.

SMI: Saturday morning inspection; weekly inspection personnel and equipment – immaculateness a necessity.

Sound Off: 1. A conglomeration of instrumental disorders proceeding from the Regimental Band. 2 To announce the cognomen and place of residence.

SRC: Supper role call.

Step Off: The ultimate act of protest by the Corps of Cadets in defiance of an unpopular institute policy. Usually results in infinite PTs.

Strain: To rack in one's chin and come to the proper position of attention; a position Rats practice for the duration of the ratline.

TAC: A tactical officer; enforcers of the VMI system as seen by the administration; apostles of the letter of the law.

THE HONOR COURT



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Within the hallowed walls of Barracks you will find the Corps of Cadets leading lives of Honor as spartan as the quarters that they slumber in at night. Once a cadet takes the Oath, they may NEVER LIE, CHEAT, STEAL, NOR TOLERATE THOSE WHO DO...this is the Honor Code and it is the cornerstone of every cadet that is, has, and will be part of the Long Gray Line. Every day cadets must endure the rigors of the Ratline, the monotony of Barracks, the demands of Academics and the persistence of the Regimental System...although, the greatest challenge that cadets face at every turn of the corner and tick of the clock is placing Personal Honor Above Personal Gain. This is the nature of our Honor Code; it permeates every aspect of Cadet Life.

We are the men of the Honor Court. We have been elected by our peers to serve the Institute as the guardians of the Honor Code and the Honor System. We have three main tasks as Honor Court members: educating the Corps of Cadets on the Honor System is primary; investigating possible Honor Code violations is secondary; and adjudicating possible violations of the Honor Code is tertiary. Our watch over the Honor System in Barracks never ceases during our membership. The members of the Honor Court sacrifice much time, and toil to ensure that VMI will always have its unrelenting Honor System.

A wise man who had passed through the same stoops as a cadet years ago told me that the true purpose of the Honor System is not to teach young men and women how to fill out a Form 24 or properly cite "Help Received." Ultimately, he said, the Honor System at VMI creates an environment of trust...and that trust, forged between all those that have donned the cadet gray, is greater than any other fraternal tradition.

Keep the Faith,
Ro Martin Mercado
President, VMI Honor Court

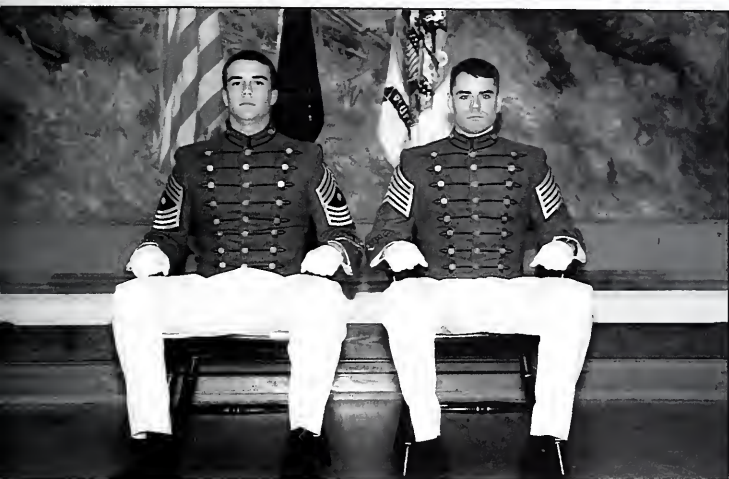
The Big Three

The Big Three consists of the President and the two Prosecutors. They are the main voice to the Corps of Cadets. The President presides over trials, presents policy issues to the Corps, and is involved in the continual education of the Honor System. The Prosecutors are the men who litigate cases against those whom have violated the Honor Code. They do their duties with compassion and are tireless in their determination to prosecute those who have been charged with dishonorable acts.



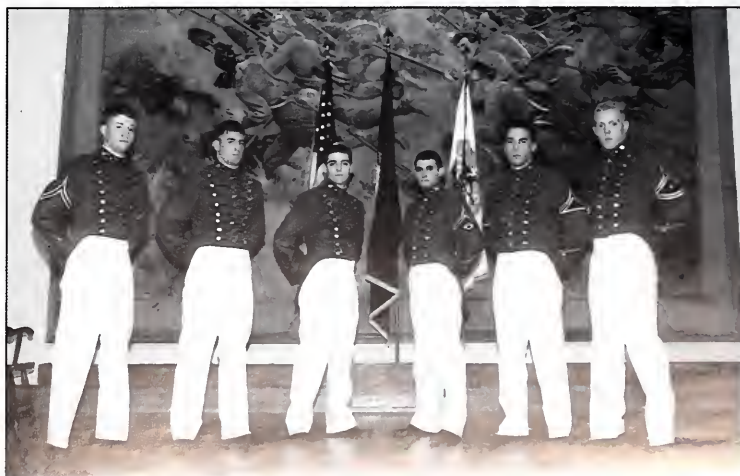
Vice- Presidents

The Vice-President for Defense and the Vice-President for Prosecution provide the support needed to adjudicate trials. Their positions are opposing in nature; but it is their First Class leadership and insight that ensure a healthy Honor System.



Assistant Prosecutors

The Assistant Prosecutors are Second Classmen. They are the workhorses of the Honor Court. Their main function is to investigate possible violations of the Honor Code, which they do without respite until the truth is revealed.



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The Rat Disciplinary Committee (RDC) is tasked with teaching new cadets (rats) the traditions of VMI and molding them into a class. The RDC is comprised of twenty-seven members, twenty-three first classmen and four second classmen. The RDC over the course of the ratline transforms high school graduates into VMI cadets.

The rats upon matriculation are referred to as a "mass" and must overcome many obstacles before they can become the class of 2004. Through hard work, late nights, and early mornings employing lots of yelling and plenty of push ups the RDC disciplined, punished, and installed respect for authority and the character to do what is right, whether popular or not, in the Rat Mass of 2001 + 3. This discipline is not just physical, it carries over to all aspects of life from academics, to personal character and honor. This discipline goes forward with each and every cadet as they leave VMI to continue with their life.

Rats come to VMI not just to get a superior education; they come for an experience no other college freshman has the privilege to obtain. The RDC is the body of cadets who administer the system that the rats must endure, so they can learn the age-old characteristics of humility and discipline. Through blood, sweat, and tears the rats begin to hate the school, but begin to realize that they are no better than any other rat that has attended VMI.

It has been the RDC's honor to transform 450 "freshman" that you could find at James Madison, UVA, Virginia Tech, or any other college, into men and women that will serve their country as citizen soldiers with distinction, discipline, and honor.

David Nagel
RDC President



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The Officer of the Guard Association (OGA) is a subcommittee of the General Committee. Officers are appointed by the First Class General Committee, and representatives are elected by each company. To be eligible to serve on the OGA, one must be a first class private. It is the Mission of the OGA to protect and inform cadets while upholding and enforcing the conduct of the corps. The OGA President oversees the entire OGA. There are three subcommittees of the OGA: the Posit Committee, Investigative committee, and Council. The Posit Committee, organized by the secretary, ensures that the corps' grievances concerning barracks life are addressed. The investigative Committee, lead by the Vice-President, investigates serious infractions of the code of conduct regarding sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, hazing, gross misconduct of cadets, and any other acts the OGA and First Class President deem necessary. If a case warrants disciplinary action and is sent to the Executive Committee (E.C.) for a hearing, all accused parties are referred to the OGA Counsel so he or she can provide a closing statement for the accused cadet or cadets at the close of the E.C. hearing.

The OGA also monitors all ratline activities such as forced marches, RDC meetings, sweat parties, and stoop runs. This is not only to monitor the activities or the RDC and the upperclasses, but also to discourage and stop any unauthorized ratline activities.

This year's OGA took over in the spring of 2000. As the historic Class of 2001 prepared to assume leadership of the first co-ed barracks in August, the OGA faced a tremendous responsibility because many new issues needed to be addressed regarding barracks life. Therefore, the OGA quickly and thoroughly amended the rules and regulations in the charter. Furthermore, the OGA worked with the Title IX officer in order to prepared for any possible issues that VMI could be face in the upcoming year. As a result, the OGA officers returned in early August for sexual harassment training. Before ratline activities began during hell week, the OGA officers trained the OGA representatives in sexual harassment, investigative procedures, and ratline monitoring. The OGA worked meticulously throughout the year to serve the corps and uphold the conduct of the corps. The OGA met every Monday night in room C-30 to discuss policies, cases, and ratline activities. The OGA made posit committee forms available to generate feedback from the corps regarding barracks life and worked with the administration to make improvements. When the OGA representatives investigated cases regarding misconduct, they always remained professional. The OGA was at Tuesday and Thursday night CQRB workouts, sweat parties, stoop runs, RDC meetings, and forced marches. The OGA was proud to be the first class private's organization. Officers and representatives served as role models. They were approachable, friendly, considerate of their appearance, and were committed to the first class, the corps and VMI. I would like to thank Armi, Brett, Temille, Connor, Brandon, Wilson, Joe, Ryan, Alex, Justin, Tony, and John for their service and dedication to the OGA and VMI. I was truly honored to work with you all this year! We were a team! Wishing you all the best until we meet again.

John Koubaroulis
OGA President



COLONEL MIKE "DOC" MONSOUR



"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." (Matthew 5:8)

"Ellis Mike Monsour was a simple man."

Those were the poignant words of the Eastern Orthodox priest presiding at the immigrant's funeral on a spring day in Vicksburg, Miss. in the late 1960s. Simple perhaps in the day-to-day aspects of his life, but powerful in the affect that simplicity had on his son, Mike Ellis Monsour.

Ellis had followed his older brother, Assad Mikael, from their birthplace in El Munsif, a small town in what is now Lebanon, in the early 1900s seeking refuge from the oppressive politics of their homeland and a fresh start in a new land. Assad, who came to America in 1906, had quickly Americanized his name to "Ed" and moved to Mississippi seeking a new beginning in the grocery trade the Monsour family had practiced in their homeland.

Six years later, Ellis, who had one day of formal schooling in his life, took the same long trip to join his brother, who had twice as much education as he, having attended school for two days. When confronted by an immigration officer speaking a language unlike his native Arabic, he shook his head affirmatively when the American,

confounded by the name Mikael, said "Mike?"

During a short stay in Natchez, Miss., Ellis Mike and his wife had a son in 1943 whom they named Mike Ellis Monsour. The name "Mike" was an important family tradition as Saint Michael is the patron saint of the Eastern Orthodox Church. Shortly after young Mike was born, his family moved to Vicksburg, Miss., where his father and uncle operated a grocery store in an African-American community. The family's Lebanese culture dictated a strong patriarchal bent, and Uncle Ed served in that role.

"My uncle, my father and the local parish priest, Father Michael (ah, the name again) Baroudy, had an awesome impact on my life," recalled Mike Monsour, who has served as a member of the VMI faculty and staff since "I arrived at the BOQ on Aug. 12, 1968 at 3:30 p.m."

And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25:40)

Perhaps it was the happy hours spent sitting quietly around the family grocery store listening to the lyrical, syrupy Southern drawls of the neighborhood men gathered in the evening playing Bible trivia with the losers having to prepare a lavish dessert for the victors. More likely, it was the powerful presence of Father Baroudy - and a powerful sense of God's presence - in young Mike Monsour's life that allowed him to know by the age of 6 "beyond a shadow of a doubt a deep and abiding love of God" and a burgeoning sense of "commitment to serving God's will that has never diminished a bit since that time."

Young Monsour attended Vicksburg public schools in the morning and then went to the church to study with Father Baroudy in the afternoon. His love of language came early and naturally. "My Uncle Ed and my father never really mastered English. Arabic was spoken in our home, and that was the language I learned early on," the soft-spoken Monsour said recently. "I also began to study Greek and Spanish at a young age as part of my religious training. Knowing lots of languages can be confusing, you know." He

leaned back and smiled that smile that grabs one's heart and chuckled aloud. "Once here at VMI, I went into a class to give a quiz. I was very tired that morning. After I finished writing the questions on the board, the students just stared at me. I finally said, 'Come on (which he pronounces "own" with just a pinch of Delta in his voice), get busy!' I was so embarrassed when I looked at the board and realized I had used five different languages, none of which were the course I was teaching."

His youthful theological studies were intensely disciplined. Armed with the important blessing of his father and uncle, he worked vigorously on Bible studies, Biblical Greek and Hebrew; systematic theology; and mystical theology. "Father Baroudy thought it was essential that one undertaking such training should also experience how it applied to the real world," Monsour remembered. By 18, he had worked in a hospital with dying patients and was with many as they died. He worked in an orphanage and served in a state-run home for elderly men. He assisted with funerals and worked long hours with prisoners.

***But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law.
(Galatians 5:22-23)***

At the end of his junior year of high school, he took the minor vows of the Eastern Orthodox Church. To take the final vows would mean the young man would have had to go into the parish ministry. But the minor vows were in no way minor. Monsour took a vow of obedience to God and man. He vowed never to marry and committed himself to a lifetime of total service to others.

There were diversions to be sure with music a primary joy. At 10, Monsour played the title role in the opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors," which was something that gave my father great joy. We traveled throughout the state performing, and perhaps that provoked my love of travel that wells within me to this day," he noted. Monsour continued to sing, moving from an adolescent soprano to an adult baritone and

his talent caught the ear of a voice professor at Bellhaven College near Vicksburg, and the school offered him a full scholarship to study voice.

"There was some pressure on me to take the final vows to be a priest, but I knew deep in my heart that I wasn't ready to do that quite yet. I wanted to teach," Monsour said. The years at Bellhaven were happy.

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (Romans 12: 6-8)

"When I was at Bellhaven, which I loved, the other students often called me 'Old Man.' Even though we were the same age, I guess I did have a different perspective than many of them, but I've always felt a calling to listen to others," said the man whose eyes dance with a sense of childlike wonder that fills the room with unbridled joy.

"That was a time when I became open to and aware of ever-increasing ways that I could be obedient to God's will." During his college years, he was called to Father Baroudy's deathbed where his priest, mentor and friend asked again if he was ready to take the final vows. "Not yet, Father not yet," was Monsour's difficult response.

After graduating from Bellhaven, he applied and was accepted to the Romance Languages graduate program at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, which took him farther away from his family than he been at Bellhaven. He also worked as a graduate assistant, which exposed him to teaching college students for the first time. As he approached the end of two-year Master's program in 1968, personal loss and pain struck quickly and often. In less than three months, one of his sisters died and both his father and uncle died, too. "That was an extraordinarily tough time. To this day, I think of them daily and miss them greatly."

As one chapter was closing another opened. One of Monsour's fellow graduates

students was a graduate of the Institute, and he encouraged Monsour to apply for a teaching job. "Frankly, I had never heard of VMI, but finally I relented and sent a letter of application. They asked me to come to Lexington and visit. I met with Col. Albert Lancaster, who was then department chairman. He introduced me to Gen. Morgan, the dean, and Gen. Shell, the superintendent, and they offered me a job that day. I accepted."

***For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.
(2 Corinthians 1:5)***

"It's strange that I recall the exact date and time I arrived at the BOQ. I usually forget things as soon as I no longer need to remember them. But I really was in a strange new world. It was an interesting crew living there then.

"I do recall the first day of classes. I knew absolutely nothing about anything military, and I wasn't so sure I was up to the intellectual challenge. I prayed, 'Dear God: Let me find favor in thy sight,'" Monsour reflected.

The late 1960s were challenging times for all American institutions, but particularly so for military institutions like VMI. The Vietnam War, with its concomitant complications, did not leave VMI untouched by loss and pain. Monsour's role as a counselor to cadets had very simple beginnings. Much as had occurred during his undergraduate days at Bellhaven, one cadet sought him out to talk about some personal problems. Word-of-mouth has long been the most effective mode of advertising in any situation, and soon it was two cadets then three then four. A trend was developing, but it was not always happy.

"Those early years were very tough. I got to know several young men very well, and then they went off to Vietnam and were killed," he remembered quietly.

By 1972, he faced the great teaching conundrum: publish or perish. In other words, no Ph.D.; no job. There is no small irony that a man fluent in Greek would go to Athens - Georgia - to work on his doctorate. Two

years later, he returned with his A.B.D. (all but dissertation) and taught five classes as he completed the publishing that would prevent his perishing.

And still the cadets beat a path to his office door some for counseling in languages hundreds for counseling in life.

If a brother or sister is ill clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. (James 2: 15-17)



Doc in 1971

Ask 10 cadets to name folks on post that have had a powerful impact on their lives, there's a good chance that six or seven of them will say: "Col. So-and-so; Lt. Col. Such-and- Such; Coach This-and-That and 'Doc' or 'Mike'."

After replacing Col. Lancaster, the man who hired him, as department chairman from 1981 to 1986, the Institute formalized what had been a fact for nearly two decades by naming Monsour "Special Assistant to the Superintendent for Counseling." Far more important than the title was the open declaration to cadets of what had long been true. There was a safe haven to which cadets could go with the absolute assurance of confidentiality. "I have always

assured anyone who ever wanted to talk to me about anything that it would never go beyond the bare walls of my office or the front door of my home or anywhere else we might talk."

"Active listening is the key. I try to be like a mirror, reflecting back what I'm hearing, allowing the speaker to discover his or her options and what might be the consequences associated with each option. I absolutely will not sit in judgment of another," he said softly.

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:2; N.I.V.)

Even the longest of races comes to an end. Monsour has relinquished his counseling role though cadets continue to knock on his door as his days at VMI dwindle down.

During the renovation of Scott Shipp Hall, the offices of the Department of Modern Languages had taken temporary quarters in Cocke Hall. Monsour's office, with the omnipresent open door and the sign that reads simply "Dr. M.E. Monsour" was located in what was most recently a closet in which

athletic equipment was stored.

An injured football player drops by to use the telephone. His students come in and out as the last minute preparations for Ring Figure continue just outside his door. He walks out to look, and a voice descends from on high, "Doc, Doc." His head shoots skyward and he squints as he shields his eyes with his palm. "Up here, up here," come the unison voices of two working at the top of the climbing wall near the ceiling. An observer cannot help but be touched to tears by the love careening from floor to ceiling and back again.

But when his days at VMI are through, will he be finished? Hardly. There's travelling to be done. There's still family to love. There will be new friends and neighbors with whom to share the large amounts of homemade soup he cannot possibly consume himself. There will be continuing opportunities to bring light to the dark days of others. There are theological studies to be undertaken. He may pursue a monk's life. He may even take those final vows.

But whatever he does and wherever he does it, he will keep central in his heart and soul the declaration of surrender from The Lord's Prayer. "Thy will be done."

For like Ellis Mike Monsour, Mike Ellis Monsour is a simple man. - Doug Chase



The Class of 2001

One equal temper of heroic hearts...

It was a day when everything on the post was bright and vivid, one of those times in life where emotion fuses with imagery and burns its effect into our memory forever. The walls of barracks seemed to challenge us, a white sheen standing against a clear, deep sky. The impact of the post upon our eyes and our hearts seemed to communicate to us that this was to be the canvas upon which we could paint our souls.

No one will forget those moments in JM Hall where we said goodbye to our families and our own childhood. We left that hall and walked into a world that would affect us in so many ways, some yet unseen, and, underneath the anticipation and the fear, we could sense the magnitude of the achievement that we might realize, four long years down the path.

Push off, and sitting well in order smite

The sounding furrows...

Time has properties that seem to mutate in form. Our first week at VMI was a lesson in how the present can seem so slow, yet its memory becomes a blur. Our cheers in the new barracks courtyard gave way to a silence and a cadence, and we were greeted with the ideal of this military school, our cadre. Hours upon hours of drill, of instruction, of push ups, of holding a little book directly to our eyes and repeating names and a code. We learned then that restraining ourselves from violent outbursts of laughter could be one of the greatest challenges of all. At New Market, we had our first gratification, a handshake and an acknowledgement of success, though it was just the beginning. We marched on ground where our ancestors had bled out their youth. It was the hallowed place where legacy of our great Corps was born.

Souls that have toiled, and wrought, and thought with me—

That night we awoke to the fire of cannon and machine guns. When it seemed impossible for our world to get more intense, it did. We entered the ratline that night, and set out together upon a challenge we would soon learn could only be won by perseverance, determination, sweat, and, most important, help from each other. Soon we would begin to prove ourselves worthy of that challenge. In our riots, we dared the upperclasses to punish us, we asked for it, for another chance to prove ourselves able to withstand and overcome all they had to give us. We spent a long night with mops and buckets cleaning a messhall that had been utterly destroyed by a mob whose power was almost unnerving. We even made it onto the Letterman Top Ten list, for some indiscretions involving a police car. Our final days as rats were marked by a forced march of 16.2 miles, replete with shotguns and snowflakes, where a cold night changed into a cold morning, the last we would spend as rodents. The great culmination of breakout, where we pushed and pulled each other over that last hill in such a long, long climb begun so many months before, was another one of those moments emblazoned into our memory, just like that bright day in August.

I am become a name...

In the coming months, we grew into our identity as a class. Friends, first and foremost, we bonded together and embraced the challenges of our third class year and did so with a rebellious spirit, often provoked by the upperclasses who seemed to still harbor a resentment toward us, attaching the blame for a lost war to the product of its peace. We were faced with challenges that were new to us and new to the Corps. And, emulating the legacy of our dykes, we marched onward, never giving in to the villainies of resentment and cowardice. We took a stand as a class that year to ensure the sanctity of our most treasured virtue, and though it was not the pleasant thing to do, we determined as a class that it was the *right* thing to do. Towards the end of the year, we looked ahead to the triumph of Ring Figure. We adopted our own seal, our ring. We stepped forward to a greater responsibility within the Corps. Our ring figure, that great milestone in our Cadetship, was our greatest triumph as a class of young men and women bound together by a spirit of common virtue and common heart. Those days of celebration, replete with music, friends, dates and anarchy, are times we may never have the good fortune of seeing again. The memory of that weekend will be one of the sweetest of our lives. And the movement of time after that was swift... Barracks was soon to belong to us.

Our First Class year was a time of responsibility and recognition. We worked to return the most important tradition of the class system, the dyke line, to its roots. The responsibility to instill all that we had learned and all that we held sacred to a new generation of young men and women was ours. We were the architects of their initiation. The 2001 RDC, under capable and dedicated leadership, reasserted its traditional role as the men who were the guardians of the ratline. Their vigilance, and the support given to them by the Corps, was an important step in the strengthening of our class system. Our Officers of the Guard were diligent and committed first classmen whose work helped our Corps hold itself to the high traditions of our ancestors. Our Cadet Captains served the Corps admirably, always considerate of our duty and our freedom.

...All times I have enjoyed greatly,

have suffered greatly, both with those

That loved me, and alone...

As a class, we established a tradition of excellence rarely seen in the history of our Institute. It was a testament to the seriousness with which we discharged our duties, and the determined effort of each member of the Class of 2001 to live up to those ideals studied three years before. We will leave a legacy to our Institute and the Corps in the spirit of the Class of 2004. It will be the continued legacy of the dedicated men of the class of 1998. And it will be said, after we have parted ways and traveled far from this post, that we had done it right; we had done it well. Though it may be a long time before we meet again, we remain, Brother Rats...

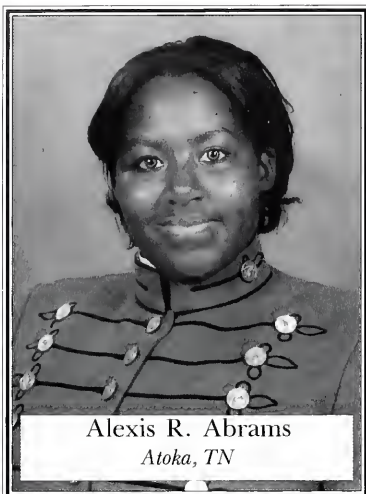
To seek, to strive, to find, and not to yield.

Ulysses

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

In the bonds,
CCMB





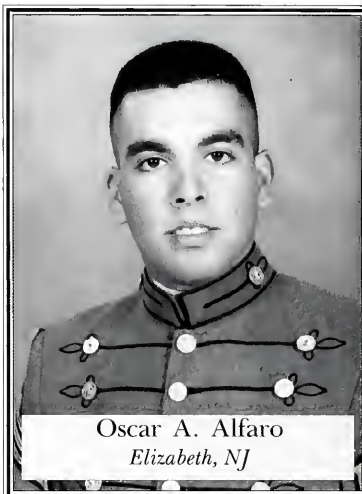
Alexis R. Abrams
Atoka, TN

*Psychology ~ Special Student
Lexy*



Jeffrey M. Akers
Salem, VA

*Civil Engineering ~ Army
The Bear*



Oscar A. Alfaro
Elizabeth, NJ

*History ~ Marine Corps
Alf de Ese*

I remember when I first met you during STR. It feels like it was just yesterday. You were all about wearing "black" and Goth. We got really close that summer and I just remember being so excited when I found out you were going to be my rat roommate. That was when all the "fun" started!! Even through the ratline, you had this way of finding humor in everything-it was plain ridiculous! We would always get in trouble because we just couldn't stop laughing. I also remember the first time I saw you tipsy during the ratline, it was the funniest thing I have ever seen. We have grown so much since then! You know if it wasn't for you, I would not have made it this far. You were the first person I met when I got here and I thank GOD he allowed me to meet you. I thank you for everything you've done for me and I thank you for being my friend-Tamina.

I'd just like to say to all my girls, you know who you are, I am blessed to have known you. Alicia, you are the best twin I could have, to Mom and Dad I'd like to say thanks, I could not have done any of this without your support, and to my wonderful boyfriend Paul thanks for being there. And a shot out to Ghetto Corner.

"I don't care if you don't want it, I bought it, so take the shot!"

"I think the bear just ate Tom"

"Headbutt anyone?!!!"

"These are good times!"

Four years and its finally over. If I had to make the decision again...I would have come here anyways!! Thanks goes to my Mom and Dad for supporting me from day one, I love you two. To my bro Lucho, thanks for everything. Master Young Ki thank you for teaching me the lessons of life. K-FORCE didn't forget you guys THANKS! Jason-Hugo-Leo THANKS. Cold Steel-everybody from 454 all the way to 436 we went through hell together and back, we were some little Nazis too bad that has changed. Drew-B-Rich-Dave-Co-GOOD LUCK. To my roommates RJ-Adam- Sid-Ryan, I don't think we could have had a better room. All these years of living in the same confined space and we have not yet jumped at each others' throats. Hey P-CAN'T GRADUATE! remember that song? Adam-we made it to the top, could you ever imagined that. YOU WANT NO-DOZE? Sid-what can I say WAKE UP! STUDY! Ryan-CAN YOU GUYS FOLLOW ME AND ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS? That was too much. To the Taekwondo Club-(esp. Jared) Its been like family no matter what class you were from. Dan-Mike, you guys were my second set of roommates. Hey Dan THE GREEN GRASS GROWS GREENER ON THE OTHER SIDE! Chihui SLOBBERY NOSE ALWAYS! TAEKWON!

Private 43-2-1; Track Team 43-2-1; Promaji Club 43-2-1; Spanish Club 3-2; Cadet Waiter 3-2-1; Marshall Museum 2-1; Gold Coast 4; Ghetto Corner 1;

Charlie RAT 4; Charlie PVT 3; C Co. Rat Challenge; Cpl 3; C Co. Cadre Sgt 2; C Co. XO 1; Newman Club 3; Big Red 21; Cervantes Marquez Society 34; RDC 1; Marine Reservist 3,21; Tae Kwon Do Club 4,3,21; Interstate 81 Getaway Squad 3,21.

Dyke Line
1998 - Andre Thorton
2004 - Tamara Ferguson



Dyke Line
1998 - Mike Rogers
2004 - Lincoln Clark



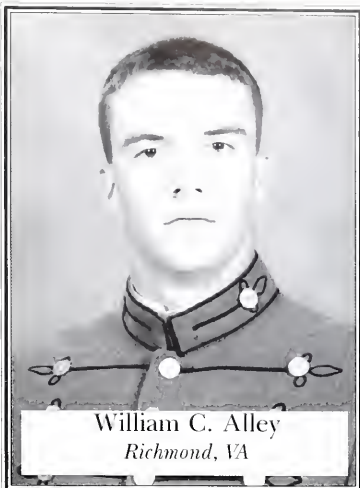
Dyke Line
1998 - Kendal Lloyd, Brady Gallagher
2004 - Mike Bang, Ray L'Heureux





Keith L. Allen
Cupertino, CA

Civil Engineering ~ Army



William C. Alley
Richmond, VA

*Mechanical Engineering ~ Army
Walley, Wallabeast*



Michael J. Andriliunas
Poquoson, VA

Business & Economics ~ Army

Keith has been my roommate for my final two years at VMI. He is one of those people whose loyalty and friendship you never have to question, even when you don't deserve it. Keith was a rat with me in F-Troop, and I remember thinking that he was a bit "eccentric". My opinion has not really changed, but it is that eccentricity that makes Keith one of a kind. I know that he will make an excellent officer, because there is no one I know that will care more for his troops. I hope that our paths cross again more than the usual reunion weekends, because Keith is a guy who you want as your friend. So good luck with the future, and don't forget to "swing low, sweet chariot". -David

The only people I need to thank are my parents. It wasn't for them I would not be the person I am today and I wouldn't be here. I have two heroes: my mother and my father. My mom is my hero because she taught me the meaning of hard work and made me extremely focused through her tough, yet loving discipline. My father is my hero because he taught me the meaning of dedication and work through leading by example with working long, stressful hours so that my family has a great life. My lieutenant's bars are for my mom; my diploma is for my dad.

To me the most important thing I will take from the VMI experience are the friendships. My friendship with Will Alley is undoubtedly the most meaningful and growing part of my cadetship. An exceptional athlete, scholar, and friend Will Alley has always risen to the top. He has held positions on the GC, HC, and regimental staff. Being elected to these positions is not luck or due to Will's campaigning, because he did none. It is a reflection of his strong character, virtues, and amiable demeanor. As a friend and roommate, he has always been willing to drop whatever is on his busy schedule to lend a helping hand, engage in conversation, watch a movie, or go play racquetball. I will undoubtedly miss these times. Most of all I will miss the conversations we shared on life, love, and religion because they have been unmatched in any other area of my life. Will's love of life, inherent happiness, and optimism will carry him far in the Army and after Will, I wish you and Jessica the best of lives together, and one day we will have our own families in Richmond with our kids at DSF... see you then. Forever friends, forever brother rats.

The past four years have been full of "good times, and some not so pleasant, but in the end it has all been worth the effort. It has definitely been a unique experience. Thanks BRs for all the support and the great friendships that have been made throughout the last four years. That is what makes this place bearable.

Marshall New Market Battalion CSM and Battalion Commander, F-Troop Guideon, and IPTd a whole lot!!!!

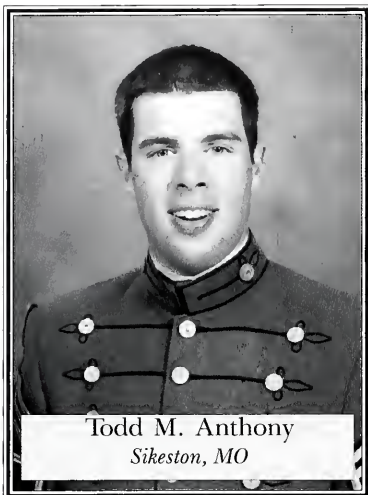
Activities: Football 4,3,2,1! Track 3 GC 3 HC 2! ASME 4,2! CPL 3: CPT 1: Hoosh 3,2! Jessica 4,3,2! Phrat Row 1! Pervert Corner 4 Delta 4,3,2! Rackits 3

Dyke Line
1998 - John Atkins
2004 - Rusty Thompson



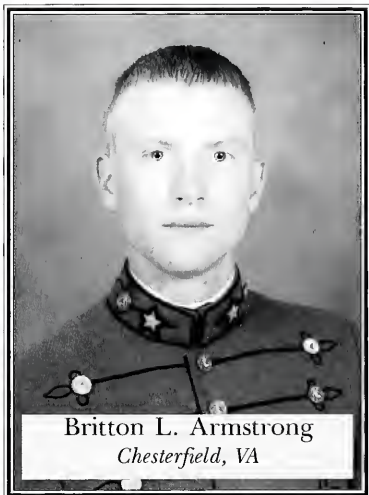
Dyke Line
1998 - Greg Ellen
2004 - Christian Deshazor





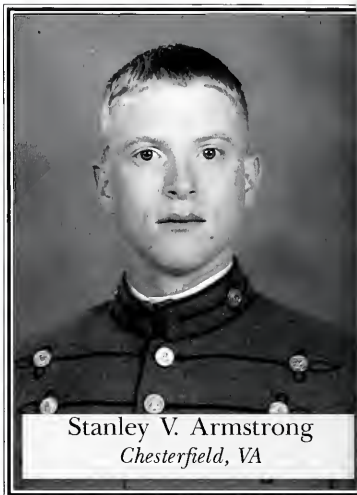
Todd M. Anthony
Sikeston, MO

Business & Economics ~ Army



Britton L. Armstrong
Chesterfield, VA

Computer Science ~ Air Force



Stanley V. Armstrong
Chesterfield, VA

Civil Engineering ~ Air Force

Will, Eric, and Dave-You guys are like brothers and have made this place a true experience & to my closest friends. Kevin, Sean, John, and Connor It's been a great run. I wish all of you great success at whatever you do. Good Luck and God's Speed! Mom, Dad, and Jennifer thanks for always being there for me. Mandy thanks for believing in me. "The die is cast. I cross the Rubicon." ...Hailing from a "one-stoplight" town in Missouri, Todd was immediately at home in Lex-Vegas. A member of the Hard-Care Alpha Eight his Rat year, he soon found himself thrust into the leadership role of 9th Corporal. A trend he continued throughout his cadetship, eventually culminating with the Rank of S-2 LT. Despite numerous advances from illicit women, and being dragged into less than celibate situations by his friends, Todd managed to maintain steadfast in his relationship with Mandy, a choice Midwestern Sorority Girl. Always contemplating the next exom, Todd's noble work ethic was revered by scholars and dictators alike, making him a model employee, but a less than desirable boss. We wish him and Mandy the best, and look forward to following his successful future.

I thank God for getting me through this place. Philipians 4:13 Those of you who knew Britton saw the happiness that his face usually showed because of his love for Jesus Christ. He was a child of God and had the utmost respect for the Blue Book. He probably ran more demerit periods than most cadets, but there was that one "forced furlough" by the 98-99 EC that will always remain in our minds. I wonder if women still always get what they want? Britton didn't hang around here much when he didn't have to because most of his free time (extended weekends from running periods and AC days) was dedicated to his beloved fiancée in the VWIL Corps. We wish you success in the USAF and look forward to a fly-by. Thanks BRs, and to the future classes, I highly recommend summer school at the "I".

I want to say Thank You to God and Jesus Christ my personal Lord and Savior, for always being there all the time! "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it." Hebrews 12:11. To the rit team: The friends I made and the times we shared "Rat Olympics" will never be forgotten. I hope the February swim will always remain tradition. To the 98-99 EC, thank you for the "forced furlough" You made it possible to spend those countless hours with Jason and Jason in all those summer sessions. The midnigh visits to Wal-Mart and the many trips to Nags Head (especially on the "crotch rocket") will always be some of my fondest memories. OCF will never be forgotten. Brandon, you have been a great friend and helped me through so much. I will be forever grateful God has blessed me with the most beautiful fiancée. Thank you Jennifer for being you. I Love You and can't wait to spend my life with you. To my BRs: doesn't have to wash off in the mud! Thank you mommy and daddy! I Love You! GOD BLESS! Timothy 4:12

Corporal3, Color Sergeant-2, S-2 LT, CIG-21, SIFB, Deans List-1, Room Orderly-4,3,21, Section Marcher-4,3,21, Eagle Scout Association-4,3,21,S-2-21, Bomb-1,

NCAA Rifle Team - 4, 3, 2, 1 OCF - 4, 3, 2, 1 AAAA - 4, 3, 2, 1 AAAA Pres. - 1 Eagle Scout - 4, 3, 2, 1 Club 226 - 3, 2 3rd Pft Guide Sgt - 2 AFOTC Cadet Wing Commander - 1 Basic FREEfall Certified - 3, 2, 1 Pilot Candidate - 2, 1 IEEE - 1 KFK - 1

Officer Christian Fellowship 4,3,21 Religious Affc Committee 3 Discipleship Training 3 NCAA Rifle Tec 4,3,21 Search and Rescue 4,3,2 Lexington Lifesavir Crew 2 VMI Firefighters 3,21 Eagle Scout Association Civil Air Patrol 3,2 AAAA 4,31

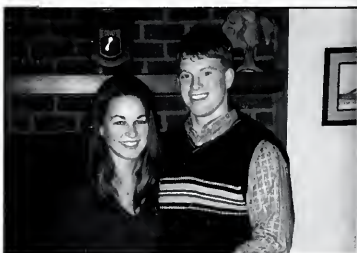
Dyke Line
1998 - Terry Maguire
2004 - Tj Rizzuti

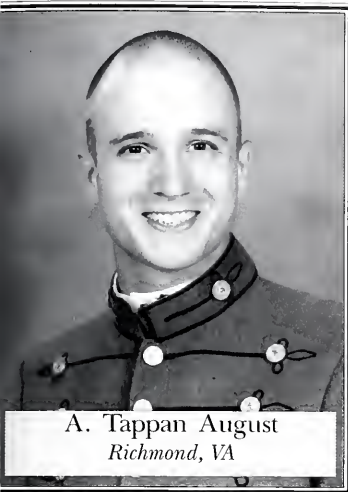


Dyke Line
1998 - Alex Blanton
2004 - Todd Wynn

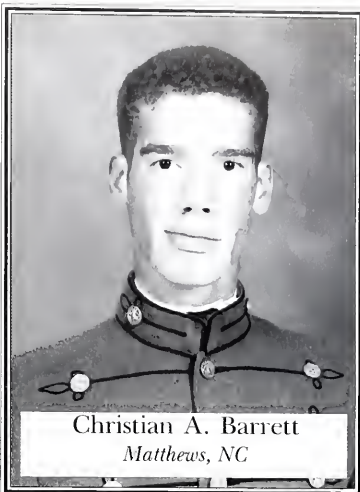


Dyke Line
1998 - Alex Blanton
2004 - Bryant Turner





A. Tappan August
Richmond, VA



Christian A. Barrett
Matthews, NC



Douglas T. Bates IV
Centerville, TN

*Business & Economics - Army
lappy, Tazmanian Tap, The Sleepwalker*

When I think of Tappan, hardworking, dedicated, committed, energetic, life loving and friend are the first things that come to mind. I first met him during our sophomore year at Freeman HS, and have enjoyed watching him grow into who he is today. VMI has been a catalyst of his growth. Receiving opportunities that he would not have had at other schools, he jumped at the chance to excel and become a better person. While at school, he excelled on the tennis courts as well as his major (EC/BU). His love for learning and hard work finally paid off at the end of his Junior year when he was chosen to be a tennis co-captain as well as the CIG Vice Pres. Tappan also took advantage of his time away from VMI by studying abroad twice and working long days for his internship during the summers. He has always been one to do his best at everything. It has been a joy to room with him the past three years, as well as endure Rot year with him in Delta Co. To Tappan, thanks for being such a good roommate and a great friend. I will always cherish the great memories of this place that you helped create. Good luck with your career plans and God bless!!!

Chemistry - Navy

I came to VMI in pursuit of a commission in the US Navy and to find the doorway to my future. What has happened along the way has turned out to be quite a pleasant adventure. I spent each of my four years as a member of the NBLF (New Barracks Liberation Front) having never been an occupant of old barracks save for a few hours at the beginning of my first class year.

Rot year I scurried around barracks not paying much attention to anything except my studies. During my Third class year I became a corporal, joined the fencing team, and went to Paris, France. My second class year I participated in the Golf company rank shuffle. I went from 3rd platoon guide sergeant to 1st platoon guide sergeant to the 3rd platoon sergeant. This is also the year of our ring figure and our naval apparel. This year, first class year, I simply look forward to graduation and life beyond these walls.

I have enjoyed my years here and feel very blessed to have lived the life of a cadet. To my brother rats may happiness and success follow you all at your days.

Ultimately I thank my Heavenly Father and my Heavenly Brother for the many gifts, my cadetship being one of them, that they have given me.

Rah Virginia Mill!!!!

*History - Army
Mastur, Redneck, Frat-tastic*

VMI has been my battleground for the last 4 years. I have won. Thank you VMI for the constant challenge and struggle. I love you for it. I couldn't have done this without my family. I do not deserve your unending support, love and dedication; I can only thank you and hope you realize my love and appreciation for you all. To my roommates, what can I say, you've made VMI the best experience of my life. Brian, you are the most loyal man I know, it is an honor being your friend. Luke, I've enjoyed every second with you and your sarcasm and coolness, thank God we met STP Warlet, I've enjoyed it bud. I admire your ambition and forthrightness greatly. Scott, if miracles exist in our world, your friendship with us is one of them. You are a walking inspiration and motivation, thank you. To the frat and everyone else I wish I could name, I'll never forget you, thanks for the memories. I came here a narrow minded, bright eyed, naive boy. Now, as I rise the morning morn, I leave like one that hath been stunned. As a sadder and a wiser man, I anxiously await my next battles to fight the good fight remaining true to course, and to keep the faith. BMA

*Dyke Line
1998 - Chris Braun
2004 - Brandon Boor*



Dyke Line



Pyscha Rat: Tool 1st Cpl: Worst 1st Sgt in VMI History
1st Class Private, Dean's List 4-1, AcStars 31 HC 21
(Prosecutor) TCFC Co-Chairman, Big Red 3-1 Oxford
Summer Scholar/Pub Patron 2 Frat 1 SAE 3 W&L 2
Hated Life 3. Kicked BR's for eating donuts at breakfast: 4;

*Dyke Line
1998 - Tim O'Bryant
2004 - Dave Poldiak; Terrell Jackson*





Mark A. Bauserman
Luray, VA



Luke A. Beazley IV
Roanoke, VA



Charles F. Benbow
Concord, NC

History ~ Air Force

Big Guy, Spam, Nordic Ogre, Goliath

Time may change our perceptions, our opinions, and our beliefs, but it will never change our memories. The good and bad, the happy and sad, the big things and the little. We take those memories with us everywhere we go, into everything we do.

VMI will always be among those memories. The good times: Breakout, Ring figure, furloughs, and weekends. The bad times: "volunteer FTX's", confinement, answering specials, and inspections. I will always remember: returning to VMI and that sinking feeling in the bottom of my stomach, my BR's, and those crazy little things that kill time (and GPA). As time passes by and the stories get better and these memories will always be with us.

I came to VMI to prove a point to others, but it was VMI which proved something to me. Perception is reality to the individual. To all those who say "You can't," I say "You can."

To Justin: rats strain, thirds "eat shit," seconds get the ring, and firsts get the diploma. Remember the small things, forget the bad, and I'll see you on the flip side.

I want to thank all those who supported me, you know who you are, and I will never forget that.

Business and Economics ~ Marine Corps

Luther, Beaz, Beazer

Who the hell would have thought I would ever have to write my First Class History? Certainly not I. I reflect on what seems a lifetime here at VMI and I am humbled. To my parents, grandparents, brother and sisters, and family at large I have learned your true value, and am forever grateful for your support, love, and just presence in general. I love you all with all that I have and all that I am. To my roommates, you are to me *The Star Spangled Banner*, the final scene in Braveheart, the comfort of my sleep, and my true sense of self. That said, I still don't have the right words. As sadder and wiser men we have still lived, and still laughed. God Bless you Brian, Doug, Smitty, and Warlet. I love you all. To my friends and roommates, thank you for sharing yourselves and your families. I am the true definition of a wealthy man. To VMI in general I have survived you in all of your tests. Three #1 penalties. Nuff said. In closing to anyone who should happen across this History in the near or far off future, "it is in giving of oneself to others that we truly live: Ethel Percy Andrus Be it luck or God I am truly thankful. Go Big Red!

History ~ Marine Corps

To quote one who went before: "I have won." VMI tried to keep me down, but in the end, I will win across that stage and get my diploma, and I will win.

To Eric, Rich, and Todd, it's been a fun ride. We've pissed each other off from time to time (I'm thinking one order of General Tso Chicken + one sabotaged rack), but we've helped each other keep our sanity. Good luck out in the real world.

David, Alex, and John, there's only one thing that you need to remember here: ELDO. Ask me what it means sometime, it'll make perfect sense. This place ain't so bad if you look at it in the right light, don't let get you down and you'll do fine.

"One of the inescapable encumbrances of leading an interesting life is that there have to be times when you almost lose it."

- Jimmy Buffet

Private Blood Thirty Band Co 4, 3, 2; New Barracks Inhabitant 4, 3, 2; Concert Band 4, VMI Theater 4; VP Intramurals 2; VMI Bomb 1;

4th corporal; 2nd platoon lt; TCFC; CIG; Big Red Club

Activities: Pugli stick cadre 3, 2, 1; Rat Challenge, 2, 1; Hotel Co, Private 4, 3, 2; Bulldog 2; Ranger Co. 1; Marine Reserves 3, 2, 1

Dyke Line

1998 - Andy Trout

2001 - Justin "Beefcake" Hairston



Dyke Line

1998 - Rob McGrath

2004 - Puvogel



Dyke Line

1998 - Troy Smith

2004 - David Bruton





Joshua A. Berk
Flossmoor, IL



Ryan M. Blake
Suffolk, VA



C. Armistead Blanton IV
Richmond, VA

History ~ Special Student

Skeletor, Bizerk, Uncle Dick, Tiny Tim, J

Over the past four years, Josh became one of my closest friends. I roomed with Josh throughout the entire, half of third class year and again as a first classman. I do not think I will ever come across a stronger personality in all my life. I remember Josh as a great friend, how he would stand by the door following a sweat party, and how his other roommate Justin Harber and I would plead with him to come back inside. How once we got in a fight and he proceeded to read the entire RDC sheet at two in the morning. I have never won an argument with Josh and although I felt like throwing him out the window at times, we would always realize the friendship we had. Summer school with Josh was a wild ride, and I know I will always think of those times and never stop laughing. He could always make me laugh, but more importantly, I knew I always had someone in my corner, as I did with him. They say VMI develops some of the strongest friendships, and I know I will never lose contact with Josh. I wish I could go back there, back to when we were underclassmen and the real world seemed so far away. It is time now to say goodbye, but only for a short time. Good luck and best wishes Josh.

History ~ Army

No History Submitted

Economics & Business ~ Air Force

"If you don't go to VMI, you're chicken sh*t!" Those are the immortal words from Armi's uncle, Fred Luck, which sent him on to VMI. Or was it the fact that he has a plethora of family who are alumni? —just ask to see the inside of his ring. Regardless of his motivations, Armi has served his time and earned the highest honor—Brother Rot '01.

Armi came to us from 14 years in the sacred halls of St. Christopher's where he walked to school every one of those 14 years. We see Armi up late at night working and there is no doubt that this work ethic originated with these walls. As a Saint, Armi distinguished himself academically and achieved the high honor of football captain his senior year. I have had the privilege of watching Armi throughout our scholastic careers and it is safe to say that there has never been a more diligent and motivated person.

That easy going way and quite demeanor make Armi one of the most popular and respected guys at VMI. Armi has proven himself to be a leader of men and he will surely see success in all that he encounters.

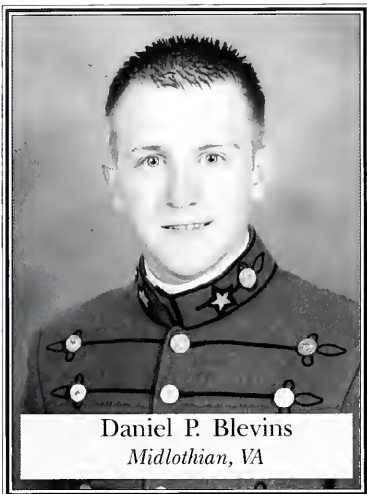
To all the memories and wild times, Wilson

Activities Ice Hockey 4, 3, 2 Corporal 3 Sergeant 2
VLMR Radio 2, 1 VHS 2, 1 DS-9000 3, 2, 1 LCWB 4
Cadet Newspaper 1

PVT 4, 3, 21; Econ. honor society 21; CIG 3, 21; Rugby
4; Cadet 21, CCS 2; OGA VP 1

Dyke Line
1998 - Chris Magee





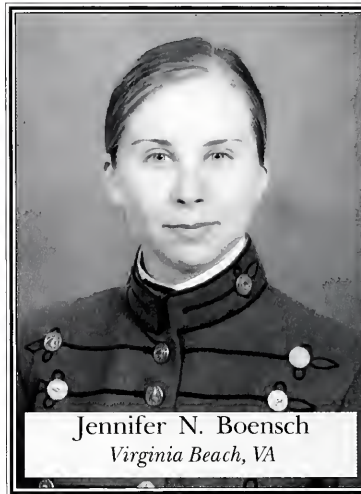
Daniel P. Blevins
Midlothian, VA

Mechanical Engineer ~ Army



Jarrett B. Blevins
Midlothian, VA

Mechanical Engineering ~ Army



Jennifer N. Boensch
Virginia Beach, VA

Psychology ~ Air Force

My first question to Pat was why would you give up your senior year of high school to come to the unforgiving realms of VMI with me, your older brother? I then soon realized that I probably would not have survived the routine and all the academic challenges without him. Pat came to VMI as a high tempered teenage boy and is leaving what any society would call a true man. His loyalty to me and his friends have brought him much success and respect. Although he does not have much military intuition, he has mastered the academic regions of VMI. I know that there are very few people who are willing to go the lengths he does to accomplish his mission. I think in some instances of his academic career he has outsmarted and outwitted the Mechanical Engineering department. On his playtime, Pat does not like to drink, but he knows how to make a good time out of any situation. So what I am trying to say is that Pat has been an outstanding friend, leader, and most of all brother. Pat, I wish you the best of luck on what the future beholds for you and that one-day we will fulfill all of our dreams and aspirations together.

At first, I was not sure what you were thinking when you chose VMI. After deciding to graduate early, I began thinking why in the world would I choose VMI. Time was moving fast and I always looked up to you, my older brother. I have never known you to make a bad decision, do not confuse this with a wrong decision. If I was going to be like someone it was going to be you that is why I chose VMI. Without you, I do not know how I would have handled the hard times of this rigorous place. You made my rat years enjoyable as it could get. I will never forget hearing cadre yell your name and chew you out for having that lost look on your face. It just cracked me up. Sometimes I caught the thunder for you and vice versa. Also, I will not forget you wanting to change majors because the easiest drawing class scared you. Good thing I talked you out of it. You wore AC stars and eventually made a 4.0. I know your hard work will bring you a bright future. I hope that I am right there beside you the whole time like we were at VMI. You are smart and gave me a goal to strive towards. I think you brother, and hope that the best of your past is the worst of your future.

No History Submitted

8th CPL, 2nd PLT SGT, ASME treasurer,
Tau Beta Pi treasurer

7th CPL, 2nd Platoon Sergeant, ASME Treasurer
Tau Beta Pi Vice President

Dyke Line
1998 - Chris Craft
2004 - Brian 'Chip' Saterlee



Dyke Line
1998 - Chris Braun
2004 - Matt 'McClueless' Mikula





Derek P. Bogdon
Rochester, NY

Business and Economics ~ Army



Cory M. Bond
Blacksburg, VA

*Civil Engineering ~ Army
007, Beeyotch*



William M. Boulware
Birmingham, AL

Business and Econ. ~ Marine Corps

Here are my thank you's to the people that made my cadetship enjoyable and bearable. Thank you to my parents for your love and support both emotional and financial. Without your help I would not have arrived at the Institute, in my days off confinement I was in the lap of luxury. Thank you to Coach Bartlett for allowing me to play college lacrosse for four years. I earned as much on the field as I did off. Also, thank you coach for allowing me to complete a dream, coaching camps. Those were some crazy summers. Thank you to the Groen family for providing a hear and superb living quarters when there was a time in need. Rich, without your friendship I would not be who I am today, your friendship and your families have been invaluable. Also, a thank you to Charlie Bunting for the use of such wonderful facilities at the shack you call home, not too shabby. I want to send a thank you out to the lacrosse team for providing comic relief on a day-to-day basis and to my roommates for two years of enjoyment, hey we got through it together. Last but not least thank you to my RA's. You did a hell of a job in Pervet Corner. We had some laughs and stirred it up a bit.

Where to start, lets take a trip back to 3rd class year, a few engineering classes together, what other types of classes are there? A few late nites 'studying' and a couple projects together, next thing you know we're like the best of friends. 3rd class year, well, it sucked but things got better as the years went on. You remember second class year, going cave exploring in the big Alleghany, what about Cassi you ever talk to her anymore? Shoulda kept hold to that one, oh well plenty more out there for a stud like you. But of course that was only the beginning, the projects kept coming, Doc, Page, Green, seems like they would never end, but they have, finally Too many late nites, even more partying, let's see, what about that one nite, with my fam, but we didnt quite make it back, you kinda served that #9. What about the roommates you had throughout the years? John was cool, ill too military for you guys tho. Ward, well enough said, Redneck. Scott, good luck in the army and remember when you get out you need to stay in PA. Cory its been a good four years, keep in touch, maybe we'll be working together someday. Remember always, procrastination is like...

Well, Will it has been a wild ride. You've gone from SPAZZWARE to the big CO. We will never forget the highlight of your rat year when you repeatedly fell through the center of your rack. And, of course, your late night relief that took you straight to the GC. YOU PEE FREELY. We knew that 3rd class year was going to be a great one when 1st corporal Baulware showed his rats how to wear their rank and insignias upside down. And who can forget the conglomerates. You finished this year on a strong note with your Rockbridge High woman. 2nd class year brought Ring Figure and your new found position as leader of room 201 Color Guard. And it was always entertaining to watch your reaction to peoples' questions about your sister's picture. We can't forget our all night voyage through New York and how you relieved yourself in Time Square. 1st class year brought your new found popularity as regimental commander and your ability to schedule convenient inspections. Finally all of those W&L connections started paying off and studying became a thing of the past. But after all of this you have become a great friend and leader. We wish you the best of luck in all that you do!

Phi Eta Sigma-National Honor Society, Lacrosse letter 4 years, Big Red Club, 9th Corporal, First Battalion Sergeant Major, First Battalion Commander... First class PVT ("Princess Laia Incident")

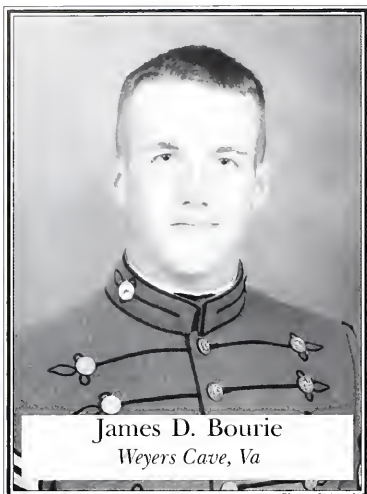
Private 3, 2, 1, Club Soccer 3, 2, 1 ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1 Rat Daddy 3, 2, 1

Honor court Assistant prosecutor and VP prosecution, Alpha first corporal, Reg Sgt Maj, Reg Co Cadet Investment Group, VMI Glee Club and Sentinels Phi Eta Sigma, Marine Corps ROTC Semper Fi Society

*Dyke Line
1998 - Tom Warburton
2004 - John Davis*

*Dyke Line
1998 - James Blanford
2004 - Bryson Gambill*





James D. Bourie
Weyers Cave, Va

*International Studies ~ Army
FN, Jim*



Coy Tillman Bowling, Jr.
Roanoke, Va

*Business & Economics ~ Special Student
Great Pumpkin, Fat Orange Kid, Fatboy*



Brandon L. Bowman
Ephrata, PA

Civil Engineering ~ Army

I can remember looking down from the fourth stoop, wondering if I could ever make it down there, and doubting that I could ever survive such a demanding life such as the VMI cadet. But here I am now- writing my first class history, trying to recount all the amazing events that I have been a part of these past four years, and I believe that I managed to do it all relatively successfully. First to my roommates: Parker- we've done it all together bro: painting the rock, stealing the Citadel Jeep, and just hanging out here at the I, you've always helped me get crazy when times were tough. We should be tight considering all the trouble we've managed to evade over our cadetship. Fred- thanks for just being you. You've managed to put up with me and you keep coming back for more. I love ya little buddy. To my rats- thanks for being good dykes, and always remember and be proud of what you have. The future of this school is in your hands- guard it preciously to Chuck, Josh, Harb, Chris, Whit, and the rest of DS-9000; thanks for the funniest times of my life. You have kept it real and made me laugh. Good luck in your future endeavors--I know you will succeed

In four years at VMI I came to appreciate the simpler things in life like carpet on my barefeet, a shower/toilet facility meant for one person at a time, edible food, a stationary bed, & SLEEP. In a world of last names I am happy to say that I left VMI knowing the first names of all my classmates & friends. I am also happy for the friends I made while I was here, but what is most important is that I made friends for life. To my roommates & friends I will always remember the good times & forget the bad. To the Mountain Crew (Head, KP Baldo, Trout, Chad, Cannon, Lane) we had great times, the ones we can remember & the ones we can't. Thanks to my parents for the support & finances, Dad & Huck for the rides, Sis for the collegiate advice, Bowling Grandparents for the meals that made Crozet less tolerable, Royer Grandparents for the vacation spots, my Rat for making me feel (smarter) like I left this place with a little something of myself, & thanks to God for the strength & courage to stand up for what I believe in, even in the face of adversity. I would be happy to survive VMI, but I come away knowing I ruled this place & didn't let it rule me.

We are FINALLY done! Four hard and long years have come to a close. But looking back on them, they seemed to have flown right by. I will not miss this place, but I will miss the friends that I have made while enduring my time at the "I." I wish my roommates (Adam Love, Jay Douglas, and Jeremy Guy) much success in their post VMI lives. They have been my closest friends here at VMI. Adam and I have been good friends since the end of the ratline. We have much in common like National Guard, major, and being Yankees. He has probably been my closest friend here. I don't think we ever got into an argument. Jay, on the other hand, we always seem to be arguing about something. But this never lasts; and before long we have forgotten what we were arguing about. This is mainly due to the fact we found something new to "discuss." He was a good friend and BR. Last but not least is Jeremy; he and I were rat and second class roommates. He has been a mix between Adam and Jay. Jeremy is a classic case of what happens to GP when a cadet gets on IM. I offer one last piece of advice to my rats, get academic days. They help make this place suck less.

8 CPL, 7 CPL, 6 CPL, Hotel OPS SGT
Hotel Commander, S-5 Tour Guide; 4, 3
Rat Challenge, 3, Strength & Fitness; 1
DS-9000; 3,21

Dyke Line
1998 - John Brant
2004 - Clark "Carlos" Laster



Advertising Manager for the Cadet Newspaper: 1,
Sergeant. 2 Private; 4,31 Old Barracks; 4,3,2 New Barracks; 1 Thirsty Thursday Crew: 1

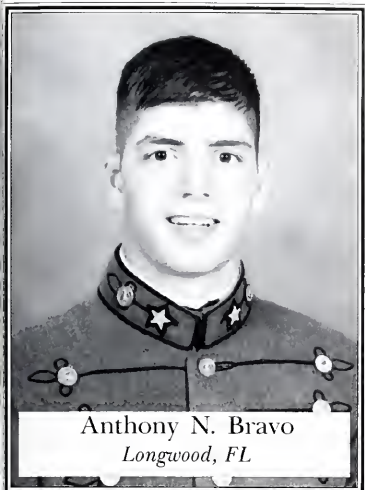
Dyke Line
1998 - Charles Beirne
2001 - Kenny 'Snydor' Sydnor



Rifle Team, 4,3,21 (captain 21); OCF 3,21
8th Cpl. 3, 2nd Plt 2, S-6 Sgt. 2, 2nd Bn Lt. 1,

Dyke Line
1998 - Paul Moosman
2004 - "Special" Jimmy Kingman





Anthony N. Bravo
Longwood, FL

*Mechanical Engineering ~ Navy
BWAVO, Machine, Meat-Head, Tony*

Anthony matriculated as a Marine Corps wannabe. It didn't take his roommates too long to convince him he wasn't the Marine Corps type. Anthony spent most of his rat year making friends with the thirds in room 311, running around with the Echo company guidon, wrestling, and annoying the Reg XO. His knee injury came back to haunt him third class year so he lifted time spent wrestling to maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Due to the rigors of his rank as BTLN SGM Anthony had to cut his summer short and come back for cadre week. His area of expertise was coordinating which rats would shower where. Excelling as a SGM he was allowed to return First Class year for yet another cadre week as 2nd BTLN XO. After taking to the boxing ring it wasn't long before he earned his nickname Meathead. This is only one of his many nicknames he has earned during his four years at VMI, at least he'll have a pool to draw from when he's trying to select a call sign as a Naval Aviator. All of his hard work has paid off and he's just one step closer to becoming an astronaut. While orbiting the earth may seem far off, if you ever need him just shout, "DOES ANYONE KNOW ANTHONY BRAVO?!"



Russell L. Briley III
Jarratt, VA

*History ~ Army
Pops, Grandpa, Old Man*

I have often been asked why I went to VMI and it has taken me a while to realize that I came because I knew it was hard and that it was something not everyone was willing or able to do. For me, attending VMI would be another test among the many tests we face in life. As I think back I realize coming to VMI was the right decision for me no matter how much I sometimes regretted it. I realized a lot about people and life while I was here - some good and some not so good. I also met and became friends with people I never would have cared to know at any "regular" college; people I am sure will be my friends for the rest of my life. Adam M-- having someone from home so close by made this place much more bearable. Dillon, you take more chances than anyone I know, if you outlive me I will be very surprised. Alex: try not to shoot anyone. Brett, take it easy on the Republicans. Steve, the GNC posterboy - take it easy on the drugs man, to my rats, don't be strangers, and to my family: without your support I couldn't have done this, now it's my turn. Well, it's finally time to leave this place. Another of life's tests out of the way - on to the next one



J. Cabell Brockman
Amherst, VA

Psychology ~ Army

The road up ahead is coming to an end but still looks so far away. The past four years has been nothing less than pure HELL. People claim that your college years are something to remember; hell, I am going to have to pay a counselor to help me forget mine. VMI has taught me 2 things. 1) To survive today, you must be an asshole 2) My family is the most important thing in the world. Mom & Dad, if it wasn't for the 2 of you, I could of never done it. You all were always there for me and I will always be here for you. I love the both of you. Beth & Kristin, never give up on your dreams. Dan, the opportunity is there, you just have to grab it. To all the guys, Aaron "My Black Buddy" Mitchell, Johnny "Tight Nuts" Kitt, Sidney Ring Figure was a blast. Howie, I couldn't ask for a better friend. Maybe one day we will take NCHINK on the road. Brian, how & the hell you & I still have friends, I don't know. We did it all, & we did it damn good! To all of my other friends, it is a select few, but you know who you are. Take it easy. I love saying this.. I am out c' here, later. Dale Earnhardt: 1951-2001 we will miss you =3

Wrestling 4.3; So. Con. Academic Athlete 3; Boxing 2.1; Pvt 4.3-Echo; 2nd Bat. SGM 2; 2nd Bat XO 1, Newman Club 4.3, 2.1, K. of C. 2.1, Ac Stars 3.2, Phi Eta Sigma, Tau Beta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi, Marshall Table-(Omicron Delta); Bustin' my A** 4.3, 2.1

Dyke Line

1998 - Sean Ting
2004 - Tony Peters



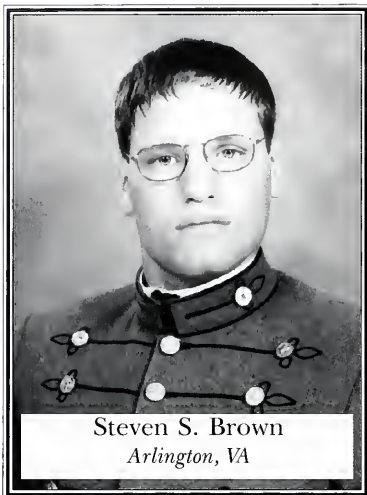
Dyke Line
1998 - Jason Crowder
2004 - Hamilton Bice



Activities: Football 4.3, 2.1
AC Pro-4.3

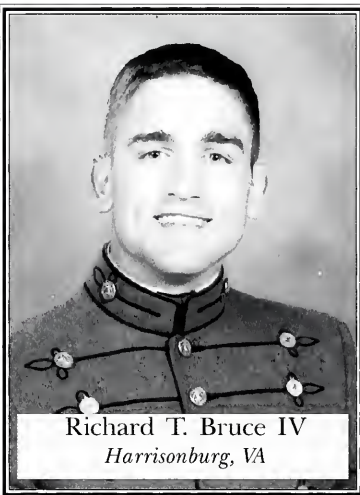
Dyke Line
1998 - Cale Christiansen
2004 - Dan Wilkerson





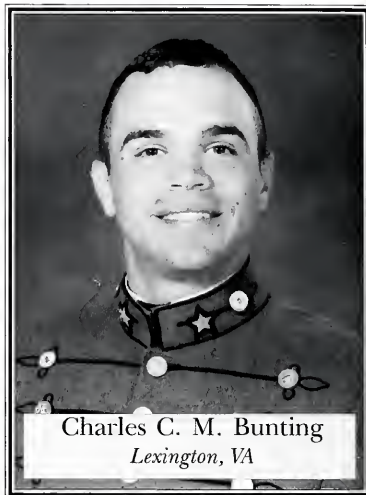
Steven S. Brown
Arlington, VA

Business & Economics ~ Army



Richard T. Bruce IV
Harrisonburg, VA

Business and Econ. ~ Army



Charles C. M. Bunting
Lexington, VA

English ~ Marine Corps

Steve Brown is one of those people who can start a conversation with almost anyone for no particular reason. Steve is one of the friendliest and most sincere people I know – and a loyal friend who I am lucky to have. Well Steve, you finally made it. After four years of aggravation and seemingly pointless rules we are finally FREE! I will miss all the late night study breaks walking around the stoops just talking about our problems – remember those nights? It's funny how something that seems so insignificant at the time can become one of your fondest memories. I will miss those nights and all the times we went uptown for a few drinks and the times at your house and the lake house. I might even miss the old man jokes. Hopefully there are a few more good times waiting for us out there. It's been a long, hard four years but you made them a little easier for me and I hope that I made them a little easier for you too. When you are an old man years from now and you read this just think about all of the little things that made this place a bit more bearable because sometimes it's the little things that count, and while you're at it- give me a call.

First, I would like to thank the Lord above for helping me survive these four long years. You were always there, and I am truly thankful. Mom, Dad, thanks for not only being there for me every step of the way, but for nurturing and molding me into the man that I am and will be. Aaron, thanks for all the great memories and many more to come—Bro's for life! Top-Cat, thanks for the laughs and keeping me sane. I knew that even on my worst day, yours was worse and I would feel better. Christian, thank you for the good times rat year and the next three too. Best of luck in the Navy. To the rest of my BRs, thanks for all your help making this wild roller coaster ride come to an end. To the basketball staff, thanks for giving me a chance to play and for a great four years. Thanks to my teammates for all the great times, best of luck. To my rats, thanks for a great year, good luck, please stay out of trouble. To the HC, thanks for a great 1.5 years! The words of Morgan Freeman in "Shawshank Redemption" say it best: "some birds weren't meant to be caged, their feathers are just too bright." I say this with great respect for everyone I worked with and on and off the court. Best of luck, remember always keep the faith. To my darling Nichole, I never thought I was capable of loving anyone the way I love you. Thank you for every second we have spent together and the many wonderful times that lie ahead.

To '01. Thank you all for your support, patience, charity, and loyalty. The honor you bestowed upon me has been the greatest of my life. Your efforts in these four years will have a legacy of honor, and a legacy of class. The future of the Institute is in far better stead because of the example set by the Class of 2001. To '04: You are the future of our school. Go forth and bring us victories. To Charles: Thanks for all your help. You've been an unfailing asset to our class. It has been a privilege working with someone of your integrity and loyalty. To Aaron: Word. Thanks for keeping me sane. To Dave: Your excellence will show itself in the class you helped create. Thanks for all your hard work and support. To Kaub: The Corps is in better health because of your hard work. Your organization stepped up this year. To Chris: I owe you a lot. Thanks to your service to the Corps and our Class. Col. Hutchings: Thanks for all your help. The Institute is lucky to have you. Gen. Farrell: I appreciate everything you've done for me, all the way back to HSCI Elizabeth, Alexandra. You are the greatest sisters in the world! I love you! St. you are the best brother anyone could ask for. I love you. Thanks. Mom & Dad: I owe you everything. You are the greatest parents in the world. Thanks for your patience, your love, and your support.

Wrestling: 4,3 and Football: 2f

Activities: Class President: 4,3,2f; Lacrosse: 4,3,2f; Timmins-Gentry: 4,3,2f; English Society: 4,3,2f; Phi Etc Sigma: 4,3,2f; 412 Society: 4,3,2f

Dyke Line
1998 - Clark Twitty
2004 - Caleb Lee



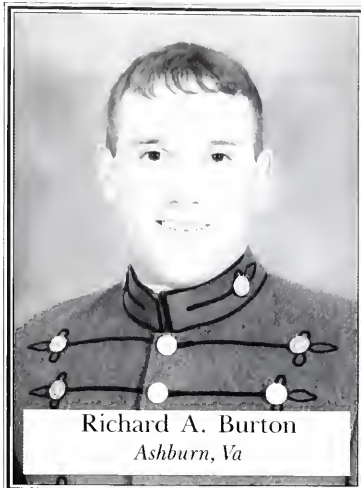
Dyke Line
1998 - Bryan Tauveg
2004 - Ben Rand, Daron Pressley





Cregg G. Burns
Syracuse, NY

Business and Econ. ~ Army



Richard A. Burton
Ashburn, Va

Computer Science ~ Army



Christopher S. Butera
Pottsville, PA

Mechanical Engineering ~ Army

I never really liked VMI all that much when I got here and I still don't like it all that much. I guess I never really fit into this micro-managed place, but oh well I still made it through. So to the friends I made here: I wish you nothing but the best. To the people I hate here: I hope you live pathetic lives. To all of you who said I'd never make it, who said I don't belong, and tried to get me in trouble: you all lose! Rah Va Mill!!!!

Mom & Dad it looks like I did it. Thanks for being supportive of everything I've ever wanted to do. Thank you Dad and Uncle Mike for always being men I could look up to

I've wondered for a long time how I would say goodbye to my friends I've made here at VMI. It's certainly not something I've looked forward to. I wish I had more space for every story and every memory we all shared. Thanks Drew, Larry, Funk, Duncan, and Z thanks for being great roommates over the years and always being there. Jicha, Russ, Jimmy, Woyto, Alf, Sid, Dick J, Eric B I'm so glad I got the chance to meet you guys. To everyone I've mentioned and those that I didn't have space for thank you for helping me get through this place and thanks for the memories. Good luck I know I'll never forget you guys.

Your names are on my ring and in my thoughts forever.

Best of luck - B

CAUTION: Does NOT play well with others! During cadre week Chris was one of the lesser-known rats, and it wasn't until we started marching as a platoon that the real Chris came out. "Stop bouncing, Butera, left-right-left!" But, fret not, his inadequacies in marching were more than well made up by his ability to clean. Living in Cadet Affairs as a Third, Chris found a way to occupy his time as well and put a few bucks in his pocket. As his computer expertise surfaced he readily offered his services to the Corps. Though his clientele dropped off when he moved to the less accessible concourse he found his calling there as Ops Sergeant, helping Echo on top of the guard department, helping facilitate the three-peat of Garnett Andrews. This new found power, as well as being GC Secretary, brought to light a new Chris. Taking no crap from ANYONE, especially the Army department, he continues as a First Classman to set a higher standard for himself, expecting others to follow. Answering the call to ministry we know Chris will serve the Lord, Country and Community unconditionally. Especially since everyone knows, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness!"

Lacrosse 4.3.21
Secret societies too numerous to mention

Pvt 4.3.21 Big Red Club 41 ACM 4.3 Boxing 3.2 Rat
Challenge Cadre 3 RDC 1

OpSGT 2, Tank Platoon 4.3; Col' Repub 21; Batt' Cir
Grd SGM 2; Lt 1, Cadet Asst 3.21; Marshall Fnd 3.21
VMI K of C 21; Big Red Club 4.31; Newman Club 4.3.21
Drug and Alcohol Com 21; GC Sec 21 VMI Cat Rep
3.21; CPB 2; ASME 4.3.21; Timmins Music Soc 4.3

Dyke Line

1998 - Steve Schwanke
2004 - Leo McInerney

Dyke Line

1998 - Marc Schweigert, Steve Nichols
2004 - Chuck Keese

Dyke Line

1998 - Douglas K. Whalen
2004 - Michael "Mick" G. Uranko

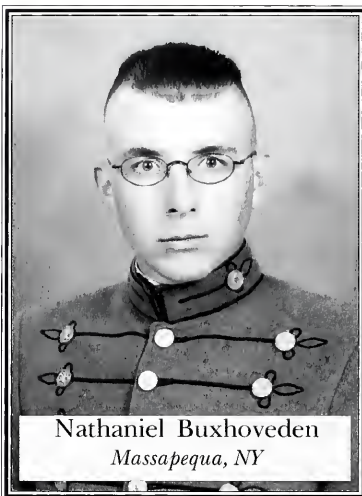




Michael L. Butterfield
North Salem, IN

History ~ Marine Corps

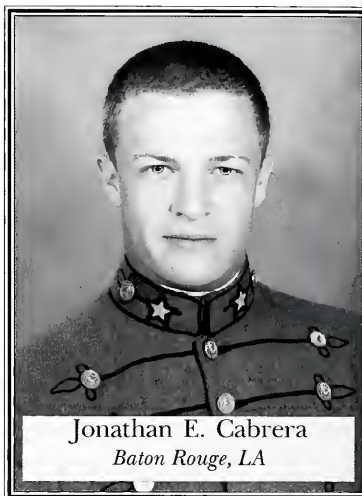
No History Submitted



Nathaniel Buxhoveden
Massapequa, NY

History ~ Marine Corps

No History Submitted



Jonathan E. Cabrera
Baton Rouge, LA

*Mechanical Engineering ~ Army
Fatkid, Cabby, Spanish Fly*

A summary of my time here: The mission Shaggy & I made failed miserably; we left here 3.75 years later than planned. Charlie, Dove, & Ryan, thanks for getting me thru my first year, you all were the best. Sophomore year brought close calls for Alcohol # 1's and "rough" Sundays for "Bull Pen 363". I wish I could have spent less time on the stoop, the bathroom, or whenever I crashed Saturday nights. My second year here would be the last time I played soccer, a reminder of what one foolish mistake will do, even to someone who's invincible. My junior year was a very long one with 98% of its hours spent studying. I've never slept so little or worked so hard in my life, and I probably never will again. My senior year brought a lot of relaxing drives and unforgettable times with Shaggy & Eric. E times don't get any better than those fellas. Ryan & AK, try and straighten up a little and remember not to spoil your rats as we did you guys. All of the rough years here paid off; I've got a job, a fiancé, and the rest of my life ahead of me. Most of all, I thank the Dear Lord, My Mom & Dad and My Brothers, and Jennifer for getting me through it all.

Soccer 4,3,21

*Dyke Line
1998 - Charles Houk
2004 - Ryan "Ram" Martin*

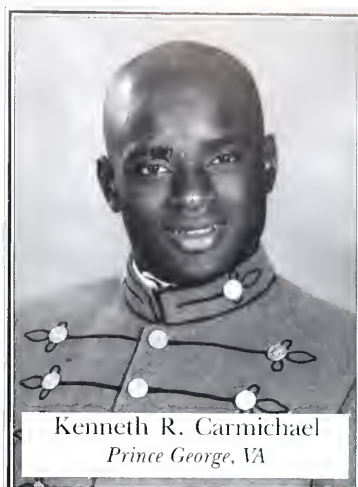




Daniel E. Campbell
Raleigh, NC



Andrew T. Carbone
Burke, VA



Kenneth R. Carmichael
Prince George, VA

*Business & Economics ~ Army
Soup, Ferret, Danny-Boy, Dan-O*

*Psychology ~ Army
Bone, Bonehead, Boner*

*Computer Science ~ Air Force
Kingdinkalongest, 11:59pm, kit*

"I come here a boy, now I leave a man." This sums up my whole attitude throughout my cadetship. I just want to give a shout out to all my BR's and a few exceptional ones who have meant a lot to this ODB. To Mike: We've been through a lot man, PreStrain Summer, 3rds, 2nds, and finally 1sts!! Even the times we were too fore up to remember who we were or where we were (lol). To Mitch: Yo whassup my Cuban friend. When I send you back home I won't make you use a rowboat, I'll at least give you an engine from a junkyard. To Bryce: WWF ECW, and UFC!! Kick Ass. To Chris: Yo man I heard they found a new disease caused by drinking way too much Dr.Peper. Lay off the juice a bit. Unless you know what's in it. To Shane: You still suck at racquetball, and when I'm a senator I'm going to make them kick all those homos in the military out to the curb to include you! Finally to my Rots: Jimmy if you're not studying I'm gonna kill you, you little freak. Ben (the good one) keep it real my man, and don't let anything get in your way. Just lay off the miracle grow or you're going to be drafted by the NBA. Oh yeah! Mom and Dad I didn't forget about you. You are the whole reason I made it this far. A few more wrinkles and a lot more gray hairs, but hey it's all over. I don't know where to begin to thank you or helping me through this. THANKS. To everyone else...I've got two words for ya...so long.

The BONE is a VMI legend and is the kind of BR whose friendship is another reason you return each year. He was a heat shield for Alpha our rat year, but has always been popular with classes before and after ours. With a heart as big as his ass, Drew has an infectious love for life and has made my sentence here less painful. Bone is a Renaissance man of sorts. Philosopher, confidant, lover, student, and library pogue. He has sucked the military out of VMI but even tools like him b/c of his humor and charm. BONE has kept the same roommates for years and his athletic prowess and leadership has made him the fixture of VMI Rugby I will miss his sense of humor and the way he always lifts spirits when times get hard. Always loyal to his boys, Bone would give anything to a friend and I know he will be there for me 20 years from now. No stranger to wine nor women, he's proof that you can survive this place without selling out. Though VMI's prestige will skyrocket after he leaves, it will be a poorer place for lack of the BONE.

-compliments of the BAD

Hate, hypocrisy, patience, tolerance, indifference, true friendship, love, and benevolence are a few lessons that I learned during my stay within these walls. I don't know if I can pack all my experiences and thoughts that I have amalgamated or gathered through the years in these few lines but I will try. From the first time I set eyes on VMI I knew that this place would challenge me in every aspect mentally, physically, and spiritually. I have learned life long lessons within these walls and experienced inexplicable things and been introduced to invaluable friends. Some say I should be bitter yet, wisdom comes with age and time heals all wounds. To reject the spirit of VMI is to reject a part of me, which wouldn't be intelligent. Furthermore, to my parents of whom I love dearly thank you for your support and unending shoulder for which I have needed these 4 years. To my brother thanks for blazing into the world without fear and showing me anything is possible. To the love of my life you have given me the rest of your life and for that I am eternally grateful. Long live the true spirit of VMI and long live Cadet Carmichael.

Rugby/Football club 3.21; Strength and fitness club 3.2; Petersburg hell 4. CCS 21. Title IX 1. Psychology club 21; Library assist 3.21

Cadet waiter, Cadet Counselor, Track Captain, gospel choir, proma! club

Dyke Line

1998 - Scott Houser

2004 - James Volosin, Ben Hassel

Dyke Line

1998 - Mark Redman, Jason Duffy

2004 - Jason Rushin

Dyke Line

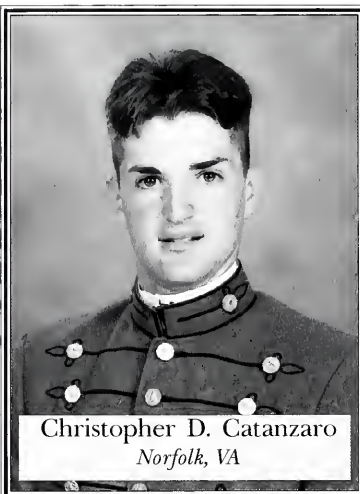
2004 - Dina Nieves, Jason Iquit Scharf





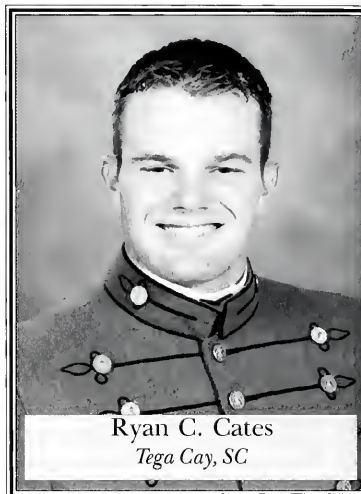
Brett L. Carter
Virginia Beach, VA

International Studies ~ Army



Christopher D. Catanzaro
Norfolk, VA

Computer Science ~ Army



Ryan C. Cates
Tega Cay, SC

*Chemistry ~ Army
mEt, The Monk*

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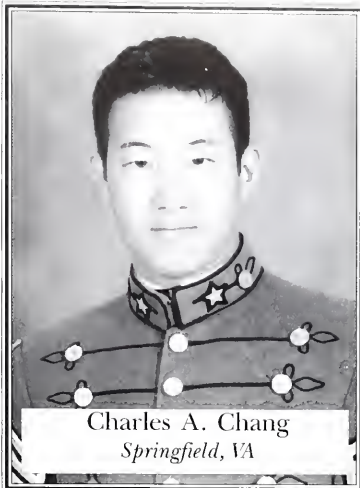
George Washington said 'Lives of great men remind us we can make our lives sublime. And, departing, leave behind us footprints in the sands of time.' It's not the statue in front of the arch that will forever remind all Ryan's friends of this. We've been known to brag, 'Oh yeah? Well I've got a friend who can bench 425 AND he's really smart.' He's made us better people by sharing MDUH or MPUH, keeping us from getting smeared, or relating some insight 'Ja, you know I'm invincible (said in your best Hans and Frans voice). His friends will always remember late nights in the science building, making it back from UVA by the skin of our teeth, watching one of a zillion movies with the Paris of humor, or 'What's the biggest thing on your menu? I'll have two.' and 'C is for cookie, good enough for me!' Ryan's footprints will remain not only in the sands of time but in all of our lives. But there is one more facet of Ryan that needs to be mentioned to get the whole picture, and that is his faith. Despite being ribbed as 'The Monk,' Ryan has been absolutely unshakable in his faith, and his steadfastness has undoubtedly brought others to the light of Christ. So it's only fitting to close with a passage: 'A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter; he who finds one finds a treasure. A faithful friend is beyond price, no sum can balance his worth.' Sirach 6: 14-15. Ryan, you have been a faithful friend and the sturdiest of shelters, thank you.





Thayagiatt Chanarat
Washington, DC

*Electrical Engineering ~ Army
Vis*



Charles A. Chang
Springfield, VA

Mechanical Engineering ~ Navy



Nathan W. Charles
Botetourt, Va

*History ~ Marine Corps
Chuck, Chevy, Cpt. Destructo, Lactor*

I came here from Bangkok in 1997 with little knowledge of English. Once I got here at VMI, I met my prorrats in Bravo company who met me with warm hospitality. Cadre liked to make fun of me and I liked it because I like to see people laugh and smile, especially during hell week. I was lucky to have so many prorrats from Thailand, my dyke, PAe, P Ton, PMoo, P Oat, P Tao, and P Joy, taking care of me, so I could endure through the rat-line. I want to thank all the people who have helped me the past four years. Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. I love you very much. Thanks to my host family Lek, Lewis, Kung's Dad, and Mom who showed me a lot of generosity to my roommates Kevin, Jack and Stewart, thanks for all the good times we've had together. For all the underclass cadets from Thailand, Chat, Yuttapoom, special 'K' and Phongsai, I wish you all the best of luck, keep hanging in there, brothers. See you in the hot army. Goodbye, I'.

Kind, funny, intelligent, and hard working, there are not many things that one can find wrong with Charlie. Charlie, you are the most enthusiastic person who is always willing to help people. I can honestly say that I will miss you, my best friend, and I know that I speak for everyone when I say that. So Charlie, whoever has the opportunity to work with you, will be incredibly fortunate. May God Bless and keep you through all the days of your life.

Thanks Liu, you're so full of it. Ben thanks for the CDs and for giving me good advice. Did you read the headline MUSTANG SMOKE V-TEC! Mike we still need to find a new MILLENNIUM CRITERY Kitty you know I love ya. To the Dungeon, Batcave, and the ME Crew, Frye, Gupta and Lenart especially, we've done way too much crazy stuff to even try to mention. To my roommates Liu, Chuck, Ron, and Rich sorry we didn't hang out more cause I was always out pretending to be studying. Ryan you talk so much trash. Special thanks to the Crosby, Santo, and Park families and even you Dad. To my Dyke Dave, where are you? Finally, losing you Angela was the hardest thing to accept. I love you Ang, you'll always be in my heart.

I met Charlie (Nate) in the Matriculation line on my first day at VMI rat year. When I realized this hunkin man was going to be my roommate, I probably should have run out of Cameron Hall clawing my self and pulling out hair. Instead I decided to stay and built one of the best friendships of my life. Charlie is everything that I am not so it is unusual that we have become such great friends over the past 4 years. He has always been a captivating and charismatic personality, especially rat year when he was more Marine than ever. I was slightly drawn to that—jealous of how popular he was while at the same time enormously proud that he was my roommate. What is most amazing to me is how little things have changed between us over the past four years. We still share a sense of humor only mimes and the incarcerated could appreciate. He is still the brutish, obnoxious, vulgar, formidable, hedonistic smart-ass he was rat year—qualities I love the most about him. In 3 months we are both going on two different tracks. But no matter where I go or what I do I know I will always have a friend in Charlie.

Eta Kappa Nu, Phi Eta Sigma, Dean's List, AcSfars, Ranger Company

LCWB 4, DS-9000 3.21, MTCB 3.2, Corporal 3, RDC 1, MCG 1, Cadet Newspaper 1, Strength and Fitness 1

Dyke Line

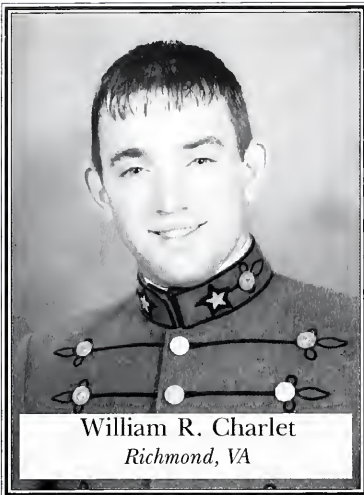
1998 - Nuthaporn Nuttayasakul
2004 - Thananart Klongcheongsan



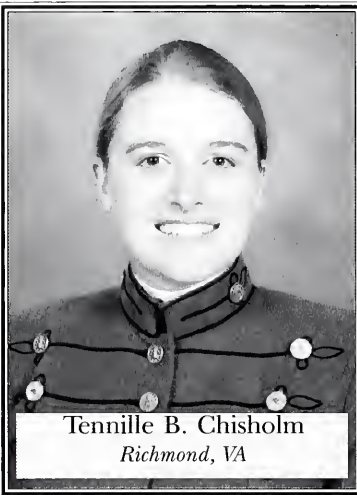
Dyke Line

1998 - Mark Cox
2004 - Geoff Goldsmith





William R. Charlet
Richmond, VA



Tennille B. Chisholm
Richmond, VA



Michael J. Christensen
Norfolk, VA

*Business & Economics ~ Army
Warlet, Wildbeast, Alpha Male, LD*

As I reflect on what have been the most enduring and painful, yet most rewarding years in my life, I thank God for his unconditional support in providing me with the courage and determination to succeed. To my family, mom, dad, granddad, and everyone else, you have been inspirations in my life. I'm humbled by the sacrifices you've made to provide me with every opportunity. I hope that I have made you proud. I would like to thank my wonderful girlfriend, Ashley, for her unconditional love and devotion over the past five years. You have given me a drive and desire to succeed, and I love you far. To all my friends, you are the real reason I have made it this far. I cherish all our memories and experiences, and look forward to seeing you all succeed. And finally to my roommates, you have honestly made this the best year of my life. Brian, whenever you spoke I always listened. You are great leader and I look forward to seeing us climb the ladder of success together. Luke, your wit and humor kept me alive. You are a wonderful person and an even better friend, just don't let Hollywood turn you into a liberal fag. Scott, I envy your strength and courage in the face of adversity. You've given me a new outlook on life and I am eternally grateful. Doug, I admire you for your courage and pride in your choice to defend our great nation. Don't ever lose that, especially when you become a politician.

CIG 2, 1; SIFE 3, 2; VP 4; Rat Challenge Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Virgin 1st Class Private; Big Red Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Weekend Hokie 3, 2, 1; Frat Row 1

*Dyke Line
1998 - Chris Magee
2004 - Josh Mulford, Tommy Walton*



*Psychology ~ Special Student
T-Neil, 10, Neillie*

So this is it. I have to cram four years of my life into one paragraph. Can't believe this time has arrived. A few years ago, if someone had asked me to imagine this moment I would have laughed and asked please just let me get through the routine. Looking back, I do not regret the haircut nor could I picture myself at any other college. VMI was my choice and I am damn proud of what the class of 2004 has conquered. First of all, I want to thank my most encouraging fans, who have been cheering since day one. Gram & Gramp thanks for being the first ones behind me. Alexis thanks for being my cheerleader. Gordon thanks for sharing this tradition with me. Laurie and Gwen thanks for the endless support. Room 142 thanks for tools. 109 rats, be good and remember to dance! Angela thanks for joining our crew 4th class yr. Roommie Kim, thank you for never leaving me and reminding me to keep the spirit. Lastly, Mom thank you for giving me the strength, the will, and the Chisholm blood to win this war. Without each one of you and the many others (you know who you are) the tassing of the gloves would not have been a reality. Finally, who's got the last laugh now?

Virgin Private; Gold Coast inmate 4,3,2,1; Ghetto rat 4; Grass Country/Track 4; Soccer 3,2,1; Cadet Ass't 3,2,1; Echo Cam Liaison 3,2; OGA Sect 1, Haters club 3,2,1; Spec Stud 4,3,2,1; Room Dance parties 4,3,2,1; Putting up with VMI BS 4,3,2,1; Vol, didn't forget you.

*Dyke Line
1998 - Doug McBride
2004 - J.D. Palmer, R.S. Thiel*



*Mechanical Engineering ~ Army
Ears*

What made me decide to attend VMI for four long years, I do not know? But looking back on the four years, I do not regret it. I could have not made it without the help of friends and family. First, to my family, thanks for the love and support you have provided me. Without you, this could not have been possible. To the porn stars, Josh and Seth, what can I say? Thanks for everything. Josh, can you help me with problem number two. Seth, "Igen". Without you guys, I would have not experienced the fun time, such as getting drunk for the first time. Tillman and Drew, how about a game, and let 235 kick you're @s once again. Funk, good luck with the steel rain. I drew, never forget major goober and the four-foot of childid. Mike, my way was the shortest, by far. Franks, you f@#\$ing Yankee. To the guys of perver corner, Brad and Mike, thanks. Shane and Greg, one more year. Thank you M.E. dept. for the nights with little sleep and much confusion. And finally to the rat of 174, the so-called "hit squad" don't forget the traditions like watching TV, taking a nap and the fun time, under racks. Good luck and stay out of trouble.

Dean's List 3,2,1; Corporal 3; Platoon Sgt. 2; 1st Class Private; Member CPB 4,3,2,1; Intramural Basketball 3,2,1; Intramural Football 1; Goober 4,3,2,1

*Dyke Line
1998 - John Cooke, David Bates
2004 - Robert Habel*





Erin N. Claunch
Round Hill, VA

Physics ~ Air Force



Jason E. Co
Orlando, FL

Chemistry ~ Army
CoDawg, CoDaddy, The General



Michael S. Collins
Bristol, VA

Business & Economics ~ Army

Erin is truly the best person that I have ever encountered. When I first met her as a Rat I couldn't stand her. She was always telling me to shut-up so she could study. One night she became so upset with me that she threw me down and proceeded to kick me while I was down. Where's the love? Over the years she lightened up but never opened up. Even though I considered myself to be close to her she would never ask me for help with anything. She was too polite or too afraid of being a burden. The more I learned about her I learned she was a survivor which is probably why she has won the respect of so many here. It goes beyond her being the first female to do everything here. It's about her compassion for her friends and everything that she does. I have never seen her even think about quitting something; all she is ever concerned about is doing her best. And she never cracked despite the enormous pressure put on her by certain others. Her toughness and kindness is a rare and beautiful combination and I have great pride in telling people that Erin Claunch-that hard working-horse loving-over achieving, innocent from Loudoun County is my friend.

The one thing I'll never regret about VMI is all the friends I've made. Richie, my roommate for all four years, it's been some good times. I can't even count the number of times we could have gotten A's together, but we finally did. Adam, our fearless CO, you got away that night! I can't forget the whole Charlie Co. gang. Dove, we'll always have the memories of living with Pooch Bear and all the bitching and whining about VMI together. Don't forget me when you get famous! John, you were always there when I needed someone to talk to. Chris, Lari, I'll never forget such good roommates. Burton, damn you for driving me up the wall! Cory, Scott, good gome! Also, to our class of Chemistry majors (Tim, Ryan, Vic, and Vergne), I don't think any other class has gotten away with so much in the building as we have (keggers, repelling off the roof, etc). The Chem. Department rules! Most importantly, though, I must thank my family. Without them, I never would have gotten this far in life, and I surely wouldn't have made it through VMI.

Well to start off I am going to have to say that this has been the worst 4 years of my life and I will not miss a thing about this school. I.H.I.E.P Those five letters sum up my feelings for VMI. I would like to think these four people they have been the biggest help to me throughout these past four years, my roommates Ben & Anthony, my best friend Leanne and most important my Mother. To the few other people that I got to know from VMI, I would like to wish you the best of luck in all you do. All of these people have made my experience here a little more bearable. I wish the best of luck to Ma, Enc, & Jason, just think only three more years of this B.S. to put up with. "Every year is getting shorter, Never seem to find the time The time is gone, The song is over, Thought I'd something more to say".

Cross country/Track 4, 3, 2, Fencing 2, 1, Equestrian Club 3, 2, 1 Mounted Color Guard 1, SPS 4, 3, 2, 1, CPL, SGT 2, CPT 1, T-G Music Society 2, 1, AAAA 4, 3, 2, Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1

Activities: American Chemical Society 4, 3, 2, 1 (Vice-Pres); Cadet Academic Mentor 2; Chemistry Tutor 2, 1; Phi Eta Sigma 4, 3, 2, 1; Phi Kappa Phi 2, 1

Sports Medicine

Dyke Line

1998 - Tim Trant, Dan Dunn
2004 - Mariah Green, Dan Ropp



Dyke Line

1998 - Andrew P. Gehring
2004 - Ernesto Morales, Joe DiDomenico



Dyke Line

2004 - Jason Dorn

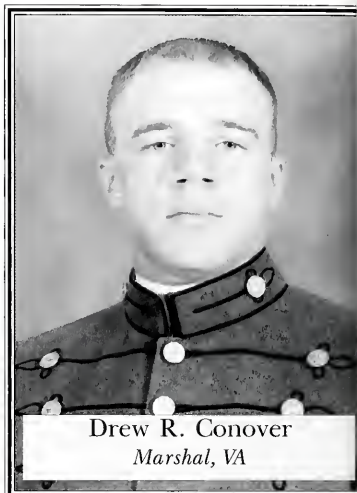




Sean J. Collins
N. Potomac, MD



Ryan A. Colvin
Plymouth IN



Drew R. Conover
Marshal, VA

Business & Economics ~ Navy
Cool-Breeze, Phil, Shocker, Ice-Man

Psychology ~ Army

Business & Economics ~ Army

When I look back at my four years spent on the "road less traveled", I don't know whether to laugh or cry. What I do know is that I've formed friendships that will last a lifetime. To Justin and John, what can I say to two great roommates who have made our time here so memorable? Our escapades were famous (if not notorious). From Weapons Smuggling, Screaming Monkeys, Jeep Trips after Taps, and Co-Ed Naked Halloween Parties, to dating countless Crazy Women, our adventures will never be forgotten. To my parents, without you I wouldn't be here, and I never would have made it thus far, thank you for providing an unending source of love and support. They say "a friend's eye makes the best mirror", so here are some choice words from two of my closest...whether chasing or being chased by vivacious (though sometimes scandalous) females (i.e. Barbi) Sean always made time for weeknight escapades with the guys. As S5 Capt, he skillfully managed to project VMI as hallowed grounds in the public eye. A highlight of every Monday, he captivated us with stories of his bachelor/bathroom weekend merrymaking. In true fashion, Sean culminated his senior year with an unbalanced love triangle. Although (disputably) receiving runner-up in MBC's Mr GI Joe, he'll always be #1 in our eyes. Sean will excel in any and every avenue he chooses, and we wish him the very best along the way.

Pervert Corner 4.3.2; Private 3; Sgt 2; Capt 1; S-5 Staff 4.3.2; Track 4; Mt Bike Club 3.2; Ring Figure Committee 2; Shocker Implementor 2; Triathlon Club 1; Schlopajo Tribe 1; Tequila Shooter 2; MBC Tour Guide 1

The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best, knows the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

-Theodore Roosevelt-

My first inclination in writing this history is to bitch. However, I will refrain and dedicate my thoughts to my family and friends who have helped make this dream of graduation a reality. Dad, you've always been tough on me but I finally realized why, I really did need it. I couldn't have accomplished what I have without you. Mom, you're truly the best. You've heard enough complaining from me to last a lifetime. Thank you for always being there. Megan, I could never ask for a better older sister.

Now, to all the fellas. Adam B., for waking me up, I'll always owe you. Who could forget dying on the stoops together, mono, broken knees, the Odyssey, 3rd stoop bathroom, the flying chairs of 32 and your 24". Matt, UVA will never be the same without us, neither will the tree outside our room. John, one word, FACUNDO. Dik J, Andy, Adam Z, Smitty, Chris, Jicka, Connor and everyone I left out, thanks for everything.

Phil, things won't always go your way here, just stay focused and you're gonna be alright.
Eric B., you're not forgotten, we miss you bro.

"Every man has his day, just some days last longer than others"

-Winston Churchill

1st Cpl 3; Master Sgt 2; B CO Commander 1; Rifle Challenge 2.3

Dyke Line
1998 - Doug McBride (& all of 142)
2004 - Ryan Consaul

Dyke Line
1998 - Mike Spinelli, Eddie Hidalgo
2004 - Justin Sloan

Dyke Line
1998 - Sean Casto
2004 - Phil Esco





Kevin J. Consedine
Richmond, VA



Anthony P. Conway
Glasgow, Scotland



Howard J. Cook III
West Point, VA

International Studies ~ Army

English and Fine Arts - Army

History ~ Marine Corps

Lee Harvey Howie, How-Dogg, Cook II

Well guys, after four years of quasi purgatory we have finally reached the end of a very long road. First and foremost I owe a debt of gratitude to God and my family for giving me the continuous faith and support that I have needed to pull through the hard times. As for my bros in 104, I just don't have the words. John "Godfather", I will miss our coffee table talks and beer drinking days at the Vietnamese Embassy. Brad my intimate conscience, keep doubling down dog and will see you at FG. Scotty the body, don't hurt anybody and remember that slice of pizza and the 60 year old man that you let...well, you know. Mikey, all the Glory Days are ahead so go down to the well tonight and drink till you get your fill! As for my mother, I have never held so much contempt, yet so much love for walls in all my life. It is the latter that I will try to embrace as I take my leave and be whatever I resolve to be.

Mum, Dad and Martin, there should be a space on my diploma for you - this was definitely a team effort! I love you all so much. Thank you for hanging in there...

When I look back in a few years and put a brave face on it all, I may say, "you know, it really wasn't that bad" I should take the time now to correct that future statement - it was the hardest thing I have ever done; a lot of blood sweat and tears...but...it was worth it.

Soccer was an experience - an experience in athletic ability, an experience in friendships, an experience in mental stamina, an experience in politics and an experience of change.

Though my accent is different, I am and will always be a Scotsman and a Celt. HAIL! HAIL!

I was trying to think of something to say to everyone that doubted me but I think Muhammad Ali put it well when he said, "It's lack of faith that makes people afraid of meeting challenges, and I believed in my self"

First off, I'd like to thank my parents for putting up with me all these years. Secondly, thanks DS-9000 for all the years of getting in trouble doing the craziest stuff. The times of getting caught, and the few times of barely getting away. I'd like to thank the Commandant's Staff for baring the hell out of me for 4 long years. It's been great! Thanks to my roommates of 2 years, Chris Gaddy and David Gray. Y'all are two of the craziest army dogs I've ever met. Thanks to the Marine Corps for taking one weekend of my life every month for six years. The training is still coming. And finally, thanks to my Dykes Brian (the Trail), Bill (the Goon), and Rob (the Blob). I couldn't have made it without you guys.

Fide et Amore

Soccer 4.3.21, Co-Captain 1, Private 4.3.2; Virgin Private 1; The Cadet 4.3.2; The BOMB 1, OGA 1, Scotsman; 4.3.2, 1; Celt 4.3.2, 1

Private 4.3.21, RDC 1 S-5 Tour Guide 4.3.2 Rifle Team 4.3 Cadet Battery 21 JHC 3.2 Citadel Guard 31 Grand Theft Auto (Operation, Bulldog 2000) 1 Real VMI Reservist 21 Ring Figure Rock Painting 2 DS-9000 4.3.21 Ac Pro 21

Dyke Line

1998 - Patrick Roberts

2004 - J.T. Thomas, Erica Ardolino

Dyke Line

1998 - Chris Chan

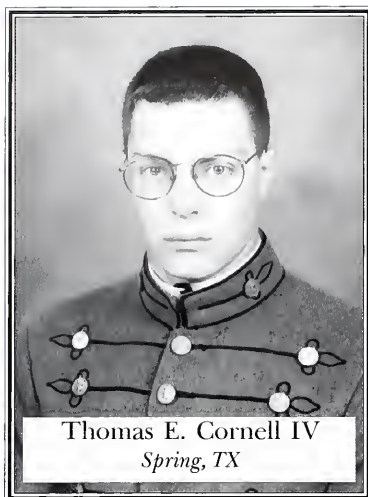
2004 - Dave Jennings

Dykes

1998 - Brian Neale

2004 - Jason Thraves





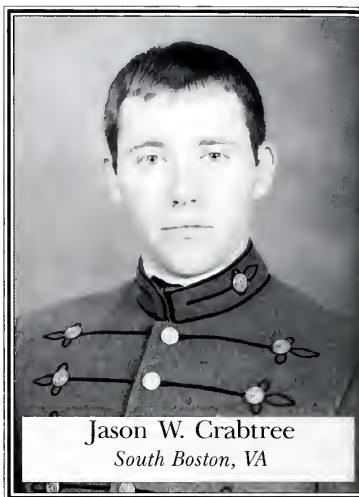
Thomas E. Cornell IV
Spring, TX

History ~ Army



Michael Cortese
Kinnelon, NJ

Business & Economics ~ Coast Guard



Jason W. Crabtree
South Boston, VA

Computer Science ~ Air Force

As my unfortunate four-year incarceration comes to an end I am forced to write this history. First, I would like to thank my rack for always being there when I needed it. I must admit it made my four long years here seem a little less. Second, I would like to thank my parents for sending me here, although I think a mental institution would have provided me with the same experience.

Finally, I would like to thank the "I" for providing me with an education that will hopefully pay off in the future. It has also provided me with a pent up hatred that will probably be felt by my wife and children through the end of a leather belt. Just Kidding!! If there is really anything that VMI has taught me it is a sense of humor. Seriously, though there were a lot of hard times, but you got to learn to laugh it off. That it is my main tip to the rats of 154. My other tip is movies are just as good as books, if not better.

I must thank so many: CLD '94- thanks for showing me the long gray line. AB '94- the lessons you taught me are priceless. Brad- Tell her to put her makeup on n fix her hair up pretty. Kev- Always ready for another beer. John- Tramps like us, man... I could not have done it without you three. Keep rockin', coolbreeze. Phil- there is nothing you cant do- never forget that. Above all, I would like to thank my father for being my mentor, whether he realizes it or not.

"In the day we sweated out on the streets of a runaway American dream, at night we ran through mansions of glory on Suicide Machines spun from cages on highway 9. This school rips the bones from your back its a real death trap I wanna get out of here while I'm still young. 'cause tramps like me, I was born to run. Will you walk with me out on a wire, cause man I'm just a scared n lonely rider but I gotta know how it feels. I wanna know if love's wild. I wanna know if love is real. Everybody's out on the run tonight but there's no place left to hide. Someday 104, we are gonna get to that place that we really wanna go and we'll walk in the sun, but till then tramps like us guys we're born to run."

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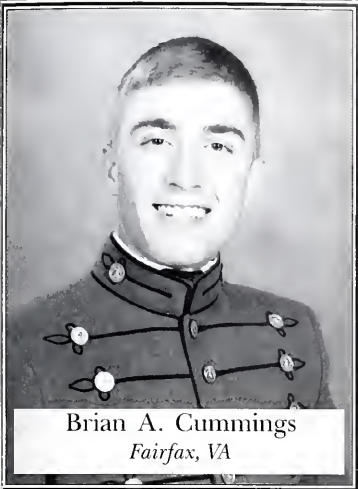
Rock Climbing 4,3,21 CIG 3,2; S-1 SGT 2; BIN XO 1;
CIG 2; VP 1; STAABC 4324; Omicron Delta Epsilon 2, 1;
Ac Stars 21; 245-104 club

Dyke Line
1998 - Tom Smith
2004 - Ryan Seater



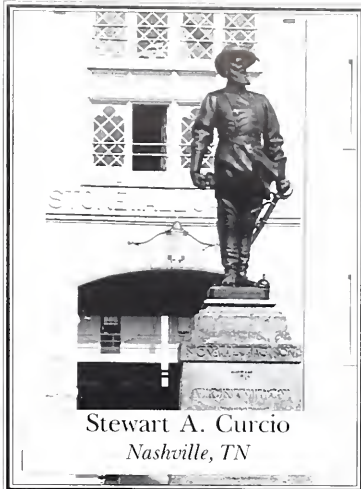
Dyke Line
1998 - Chris Wise, Chris Doyle '94
2004 - P.J. Cole





Brian A. Cummings
Fairfax, VA

Mechanical Engineering ~ Navy



Stewart A. Curcio
Nashville, TN

Business & Economics ~ Marine Corps



P. Connor Curtis
Centreville, VA

Business & Economics ~ Army

Brian came to VMI as a buck-40 w/ lead sinkers in his pocket. Yet, in time sprouted into a model cadet and person. Rat year, he was without a doubt the mediator of room 411, preventing any of his roommates from ending their cadet-ship about 3 years early, due to unsettling difficulties. Along with helping he keep my cool, he opened my eyes to the possible life as a Naval Aviator, initiating my main focus for the next 3 years. 3rd class year was a bit more exciting, especially w/ the creation of the ME BRAV-RAWLER. I wonder how many nights were spent playing home run derby in the dungeon? Along with our howling alley room that year, he also initiated our winter ski trip, which has yet to disappoint me. I only hope we can continue the tradition as our paths began to split. Then 2nd class year... ahh, ba chomp-ba chomp-a chewy chomp. Yup, I think that about summarizes that year. Finally, as 4th, Brian has still never ceased to amaze me, whether it's in his physical abilities, or genius in the lack of studies. His determination has shown through his success; and though some may say he started out as a "little guy", he has definitely grown into a big and best friend.

My life has dramatically changed over the last four years. I have developed friendships and have had experiences that will forever impact the rest of my life. Thanks to the good graces of the Lord, I have been able to overcome much, and proudly graduate from this incredible school. I can't believe how fast my time here has passed. I will always be grateful for the years I have spent at VMI. Most importantly I want to thank my parents, without their vision, love and support, I would have literally never made it through the last four years of my life. Thanks mom and dad for always supporting my every move. I love you both very much. Jack, Kevin and Visun, thanks for seeing me through some really tough times, we have had a great four years. Tyler, I leave you in good hands, your own. You have shown me so much just from your positive attitude and devotion to Christ, you will go far.

Connor Curtis is from a loving family, consisting of his parents, brother and sister. He was a Men's-Team All-American gymnast and the Prom king at Centreville High. Obviously a popular guy. It soon became time to choose a college, for some reason he chose VMI. His journey down "the road less traveled" began. Connor first joined the ranks and the esteemed heritage of Alpha Company. Also, Connor got a great dyke. 3rd Class year, Connor moved in with 3 interesting fellows, all different, but when they come together it was just right. Connor is highly intelligent and always willing to lend an ear or a restraint. Summer begins and Connor shares an infectious love of his with the roommates. These Parrotheads came back to get the ring. Grades continue to improve and his love for the female species becomes more evident each day. Connor is a connoisseur of women. Skiing became the next lesson, and soon after came a more important aspect of college life. Spring Break was an amazing time and Connor watched the sunrise every morning, never the kind of guy to let a good view go to waste. Connor began his senior year, taking added responsibilities on the OGA and CIC of Rat Challenge. A new roomy also came into the mix, luckily he was a perfect fit. He has been a teacher, by opening people's eyes to the beautiful world around them, a son, whom loves his family greatly, but most of all he is a friend.

Lacrosse 3.21 Lacrosse captain 1 Echo 1st corporal, Delta 1st Platoon Sgt Reg S3 Lt.

Marine, Boxing, CDF Sergeant, CDF Lieutenant, Cancer Survivor

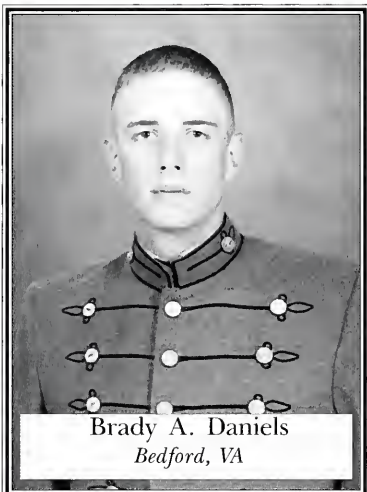
Dyke Line
1998 - Sean Joo
2004 - Doug Goodall

Dyke Line
1998 - Rodney Daniels
2004 - Tyler Beckwith





Christopher E. Dabaldo
McLean, VA



Brady A. Daniels
Bedford, VA



Andrew S. Dannenberger
Ottawa, IL

Biology ~ Army
Baldo, Patron Saint of the Mediocre

I came to VMI to be a better person, when that didn't work I began to drink heavily and never stopped. From the onset of my education I learned only the most valuable lessons, running the block, happy hour in barracks, and how to function with a buzz. Through the trials and tribulations and the many expeditions to North Mountain I have learned that reality need only be the brief instant between buzzes. With the help of rugby and beer I stayed oblivious. VMI has taught me many life lessons which I will never forget, like that for every rule there is a loop hole and that the blue book is merely a suggestion. In all my conquests I have had my esteemed colleagues, Cannon and Brandon. For that I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I have had many memorable times at the "I", be it chasing gnomes, thirsty Thursday, or even spending the night in jail. I got myself that nifty ring that doubles as both money in a pinch and found that no matter where you are there is always a chic who wants to go home with you. For my boys who didn't make the trip Trout, Chad, and Lane, I will never forget the "tots" nor all that we did, and all that we drank. To the Commandant's staff for reminding me that you CAN keep a brother down, and to Milwaukee for the good times and the bad. For all this I need not rage against the machine but, rage against the mediocre. And last but not least thank you Mom.

International Studies ~ Marine Corps
BAD

"20 years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the things you did" I've had that Twain quote (and US Marshal badge) in my cover since rat year and as I run out the clock it makes more sense. I came here after a summer on Parris Island expecting to leave as a Marine officer. Funny, I'm the only one to make it out of the 5 rats in 354 (still miss Baxter & Catron). I wish I could say my legacy was in academics or leadership, but I realized too late my bad habits would only allow me to slide by, and neither the Marines nor VMI could break me. Instead, my triumphs are my sofa, fish tank, TV, and my kitten, Fluffy. I owe making it through VMI to my faith in Jesus Christ and God's blessing me with strength and wisdom. To my family, your pride in me here was at times my sole reason for staying. I love you more than my soul can relate, Katie, you're the best sis I could ask for. Mom, your sacrifice has made me the man I am and for the gift of college I am eternally grateful (you to Meems). Dad, fly my flags high, your pride has inspired me for life. Willy, through it all you have been roommate par excellence and are my best friend, hopefully for life. SS, Mikey, Russ, like Willy you are my brothers and the only reason I'm sad to leave. 119&107, it's been fun. Jason & Craig, hang in there. Adios VMI. Thanks for the big ring and for wasting ages 18-21. Now it's up to me to make up for lost time.

Private: 4.3.21. Ac Pro: 4.3.2. Rugby: 31. USMC Reserves: 4.3.21. Rat Challenge Driver: 3.21(fired). Pre-Law Society: 3.21. Foreign Affairs Club: 21. Ormelet Club: 1. Old Barracks 4.3.21. Dean's Other List: 4.3.21.

International Studies ~ Army

DB has been damn near the greatest roommate a guy could have. True, he suffered from a severe case of BB in 1999 and has developed "the tube" during his stay here at the "I", but he's always been there when Ronny or I have needed anything. Dannenberger lives down in the "Frat" with characters like Wells, Balls Bunion, Jimmy Epps (Willow), Cyber Gupe, Jan (who it has been a pleasure to live with), and me...119&107. Me and my boy DB have had some of the greatest times that you could wish for at a place like this: visits to JMU, parties down at the river house, all dazed days here at the "I". Our friendship has been a special one and will most definitely continue after graduation.

Dyke Line
1998 - Kwabena Gyimah
2004 - Joey "The Schnoze" Montagna

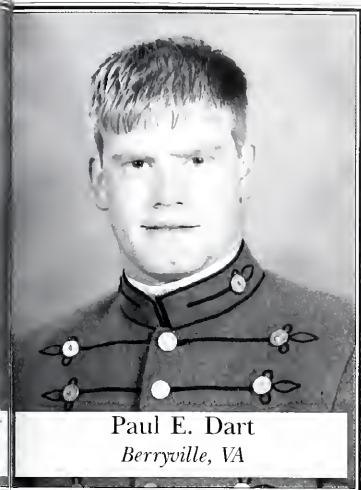


Dyke Line
1998 - Chris Floom
2004 - Craig Hamilton



Dyke Line
1998 - Dennis Claytor
2004 - Steven Twilley (Tworm)





Paul E. Dart
Berryville, VA



Charles C. DeCourcel
Paris, France



John J. Dempsey IV
Prince George, VA

Business & Economics ~ Army
Darticus, Dirty, A-Paul-O

International Studies ~ Army

Mechanical Engineering ~ Marine Corps
Jack

Well it's finally coming to an end, thank the Lord. I could like to give a shout out to all the friends I made here (the only fun I ever had here was with you guys), the boys from Roanoke keep it real. Simpson and Barker remember Radford and all the good times. Mom and Dad, thanks for the support and the money. Matt Frye, living with you for four years was quite a job. Good luck in the Navy. Jim and Billy, watch out for all the ladies. Ross, keep the faith and work hard. I can do it, anybody can. I would like to thank VMI for my bald spot on top of my head that has started since I've been here.

I will probably not see ya'll for some time as we all go our different ways. So God Bless you all.

My perspective on VMI might change in a couple of years but for now I am very, very glad to get out of this joint. See ya

Paul Dart

NO HISTORY SUBMITTED

Man, I ain't even heard of this place 'till the summer before I got here. The reasons for my coming here elude me even now. Somewhere along the line I'm sure a girl is to blame. But believe it or not this place is good for ya. Kind of like eating your vegetables; it sucks to do it, and you try to wash it down with a drink, but the taste still stays with you, and you don't realize 'till later that you're better for it.

To my parents: Mom, you have always been there, and I love you so much for it. Dad, if you don't know, it was always to impress you.

To my roommates, Kev, Stew, and Vis, you guys are awesome and the best friends I have ever had. Best of luck to all you guys. As for me, I'll probably end up self-destructing my career somehow, and call Kevin for advice. His advice will be excellent and probably get me out of trouble and back on track, but I'll manage not to follow it and Stew, the ex-infantry JAG officer, will defend me in a court martial. I'll probably lose, and upon being found guilty of public drunkenness, sodomy, grand theft auto, conspiracy to commit treason to His Majesty the King or something, flee the country for Thailand. There I'll meet up with General Chanarat and he'll hide me in an all-female island off the coast of his country where I will live in peace until I die of old age among Asian women versed in the sensual arts.

Football, Summer 2000; Study Abroad, 1st; Strength and Fitness

Morselloise singer 4; Operation Smokestack 4; Liaison (X, Cyr, Bundeswehr) 4, 3, 2, 1; Delta Phi Alpha 4, Timmins Society 4, 2; Homburg 3, Bundeswehr Divers' Club 3; GSGT 2; LT 1, Pres. Foreign Affairs Club 2; Model Arab League 2; Pre-Law Society 2, Frenchy 4, 3, 2, 1

Activities, Wrestling 4, Rugby 3, 2; Bulldog 2

Dyke Line

1998 - Tim O'Bryant
2004 - Ross Davis

Dykes Line

1998 - Thierry Lemerrier
2204 - Peter Kent

Dyke Line

1998 - Bill Fallon
2004 - Dan Northcraft





David B. Dewey
Indian Harbour Beach, FL

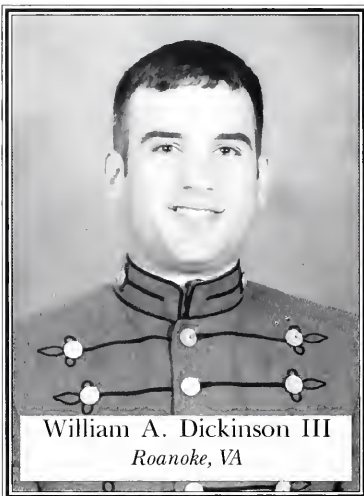
Electrical Engineering ~ Army
Flava Dave, Durwey, John, James

I didn't get to know Dave until 2nd Class year. Before then, despite the facts that our dykes were close friends and we shared Econ class together, I hated him and he hated me. To me, he was the smartass who wore the '00 patch and 3.0-cut out of Babs's class entirely too much. To him, I was just too handsome and smart.

All that changed 2nd class year when we were united by rank and mutual hatred for certain individuals. We proceeded to spend the next two years stumbling back from El Puerto and the rest of Lexington's "eating" establishments. All along, Dave has admirably managed to balance this strict regimen of those outings with his demanding coursework, not to mention the computer needs of the entire corps.

Somehow, Dave changed my mind about him without changing himself at all. He's still a smartass, just on my side now. I've come to rely on his sarcasm and humor, (not to mention his generosity at the PX). I don't know where the future will take either one of us, but I'm pretty sure it's gonna be me sleeping on his couch someday. Dave, I'd wish you good luck, but you don't need it.

-RPL



William A. Dickinson III
Roanoke, VA

History ~ Marine Corps
Stoopy D, Dick

Four years ago, I entered VMI believing I knew exactly what I was getting into...I was wrong. I have gotten what I can call the "full VMI experience." I have never been a stranger to the commandant's office, I have certainly experienced the frustrations of academic life, and I have had days when I have wished that there was a firing pin in my rifle. Despite the penalties, bad grades, dark ages, strange adventures, and the general oppression of cadet life, I can now look back on it all and say that this place has taught me lessons that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. VMI was not what I expected; it was so much more. To mom and Laura: y'all have been my strength, I love you and could not have done this without you. To Grady, you have been a rock all year long, and I have been proud to call you my rot. To all of my rats, in all three classes, y'all have taught me more than you could have ever learned from me...thank-you. Finally, to my roommates and my friends: Ferg, FOK, and everyone, both those who will walk with us and those who won't, we've had some great times, but thank god this is over, see y'all on the other side!



Jamie A. Dillon
Harare, Zimbabwe

Psychology ~ Air Force
DiscoDill, Mr. Prez, Booger

Much love to Sarah for your unfolding devotion and support. The G's for 75 loaves French toast, 32¢ centercut bacon, 2,046 hrs giggles, the Smithsonians and so much more. Dan Speedy Krismanovic, W, come to Lorton. Melissa Jones, Eagles and back HEEEE, AMFI Uncle Moe for dropping me down the stairs. John Cerkey, vamonos a Cucu! Karyn, cool bear huh? I love you. To my dad who is the most dependable and honest influence in my life. You have challenged me to explore myself and become a man, hope I've made you proud. Grammets. Rusty gimr, sum on toast, meet me at the cabin! Alex, Spain was just the beginning, ready for that pitcher? Brett, Dad died... hehe gotcho. Brooke... fzzzt! Rats: Follow r' footsteps when you should. Learn from my mistakes as often as you can, Ben, where's your cover? Cale! I pity the fool! Jessica, Ya Mama! To those who've touched my life in their own unique way, I wish you purposeful and passionate life. May our paths cross again; thanks for the ride, I'll never forget it. Someone said freedom lies just on the other side of the walls we build ourselves. I'm ready to take him up on that offer now. HSPFL

Damn it's good to be alive

Campus Rep, MulletJoe.com-4, El Puerto Appreciation Club-24, Corps Hostage Negotiator-4, XO,PVT,XO-4, YGBSM-4,3,2,1

Activities: Cpl. 3, Rat Challenge 3, 1, Sgt. 2: Lt. 1, Pre-Law Society 1; RDC 1

Activities: Mountain Bike Club Founder and President 3,2,1, Title IX President 1, Psychology Club Treasurer 21, Rocquetball Club 24, Fencing Club 4, Hattrat for Humanity 1, Schlapajo 4, 3, 2, 1, Tropical L Club 4, 3, 2, 1, A Secret Society 4, 3, 2, 1

Dyke Line
1998 - Dan Gibson
2004 - Jesse Wullenwaber

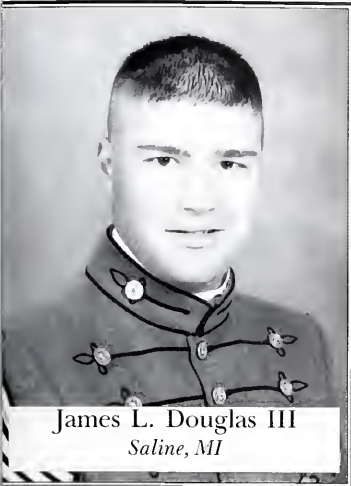


Dyke Line
1998 - Trey Mangus
2004 - Grady Orr



Dyke Line
1998 - Michael Runyan
2004 - Steve Ball, Chad Martin





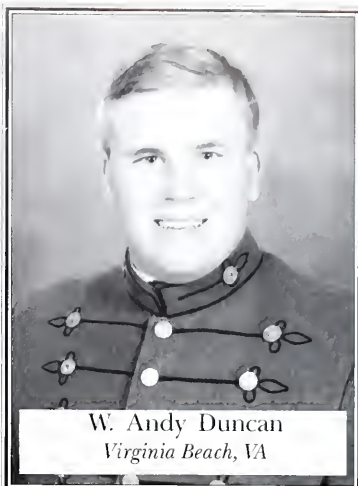
James L. Douglas III
Saline, MI

*History ~ Coast Guard
Michigan, Blue Book*



Stephen M. Dugan
Virginia Beach, VA

*History ~ Army
Doogs, Doogie, Stevie D*



W. Andy Duncan
Virginia Beach, VA

*Electrical Engineering ~ Army
Dugan*

These last 4 years have been the hardest thing I've ever done and at the same time they have been the most fun. I came here 4 long years ago with my mind made up about what I wanted to do. I've been here 4 years later doing something I never could have dreamed about. It is true what they say, you hate this place while you are here but you miss it so much more when you're gone. I have to thank all of my roommates for putting up with me for 4 years. I've been through trying times with all of you. Parker and John thanks for a great rat year. Derek and Randy can you forget our short lived third class roommate. Jeremy that one night at the end of second class year made putting up with your old ass worthwhile. Adam and Brandon how can I forget first class bar? I will never forget Adam breaking his ass on London hugging the wall to keep the room from spinning. Finally I have to thank my mom, dad and brother, for everything you have done for me. I know we fought a lot and I was wrong most of the time, but thanks for pushing me. I owe most of my success to you. It has been an incredible 4 years that went by so fast. I know I will miss this place.

Let me just say this hasn't been the greatest four years of my life and I'm happy to say that it is almost over. There is not enough money in the world to make me want to come back. I want to thank my family for supporting me and helping me get through this place. Mom and Dad I'm sorry I complained, but your listening to it helped me stick with it.

I did have some great times here and made some great friends I won't forget. Whether it was buying 400 dollars worth of alcohol for ring figure, tailgates before and after the football games, many nights of watching movies instead of studying, or Tom talking me into buying some expensive thing I really didn't need. I also want to thank God for my trusty rack. It was always there for me ready to help me get through another day.

To my rats, sometimes I thought I could just choke you guys. Bob you know what I'm talking about. Just stick with and try to keep your GPA's at a decent level and it will be over before you know it. And remember to keep your sense of humor when dealing with this place.

Andy was one of the first people I met here at VM. He was the kind of guy who always felt the need to distinguish himself from everyone else. Rat year, he told Cadre that he came here none other than to get "Buff". He would often snatch other's nays on Sunday and double up his bed. However, as 3rd class year rolled around, his major would not allow him to sleep during the day. He was then forced to spend his time shooting his roommate (me) with his paintball gun. His late night splashes on unsuspecting victims (me) were also renowned. For Andy it was more than just jumping on a sleeping person, it was an art. Moving onto 2nd and 1st Class year, the splashes continued. However, he turned 21, and again demonstrated his individuality. Instead of drinking beer, he would found bliss in a pink alcoholic float served in a boot.

Seriously, I can say Andy is one of the best friends I've made here. He was always up for ANYTHING, no matter what. When all's said and done, he took care of his friends, never left any one of us out to dry and that is the greatest thing you can do at the "I". Andy, I can truly say that I'm glad that you were my friend.

-Drew Conover and Adam Burton

Rat, 4. Cadre 3.2, Big Red Club, 4.3.21, Rugby 4.3.2, e Hockey, 21, Assimilation Committee, 3, Ranker, 3.21, Intel Company, 4, 3.21, Rack committee, 3.21, Rat challenge, 3.2

IEEE

Dyke Line

1998 - Bill Fallon, Tony Ezell
2004 - Tim Feltz, Jimmy Kingman

Dyke Line

1998 - Luke Miller
2004 - Bob Downey, Lakin Board

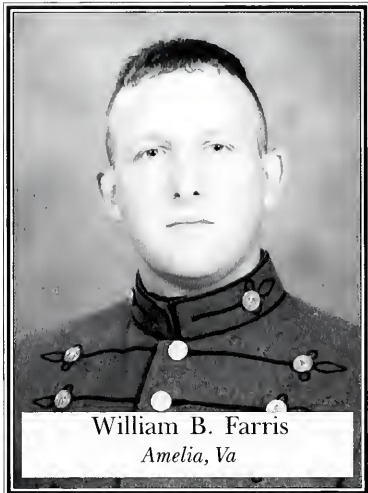
Dyke Line

1998 - Trey Parker
2004 - Matt Sherrill, Ryan Shealy

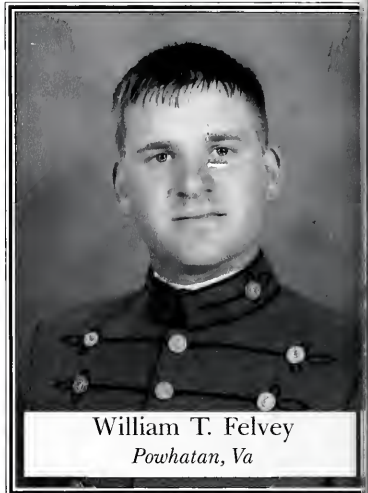




Jaroslaw M. Dyhouse
Killington, VT



William B. Farris
Amelia, Va



William T. Felvey
Powhatan, Va

History ~ Special Student
American History X, Jimmy Walker

History ~ Army
Willy, Felvdawg

Mamma.
Monik
Fear nonone, believe yourself, respect all, perse-
vere and will it
O tempora! O mores! - O the times, O the cus-
toms!
- **Quot homines tot sententiae** So many men,
so many thoughts
- **consummatum est** it is completed
- **Deo valente** God willing
- **fiat voluntas Tua** Thy will be done
- **dixi** I have spoken
- **Veritas vos liberabit** — the truth will set
you free
Bonum certamen certavi, cursum consummavi, fi-
dem servavi. - I've fought the good fight, I've run
my course, I've kept the faith.
Festino lente. - Make haste slowly.
- **Vive valeque!** - Live and be well!
- **Ave atque vale:** Hail and farewell
- **Credere**= believe

Many people have often asked me why I came to
VMI throughout my four years here and I can sum it up
in two words "group showers." I came to VMI not
expecting anything and got exactly what I expected.
I managed to stay a private and virtually unknown for
four years, with the exception of spanky. Rot year,
thanks for everything TJ, without you I probably wouldn't
still be here. Third class year, only God knows why but
I went to boot camp for the marines. Second class
year, well I became roommates with cannon and
baldo, enough said. First class year well I was told that
I had a good time, Shirley temples, the palms and oc
stars oh my. I couldn't have made it through this place
without my twisted sense of humor and a lot of help,
thanks for everything Mom, Dad, Adam, Chris and
Cannon, you guys are the reason I'm actually gonno
graduate, whenever that happens. To do nothing,
keep your sense of humor about this place, and for
God's sake leave for a semester, it worked for your
dykes. And to all of those who thought I would never
make it KISS MY ASS.

It's over! Finally I can get off this road that is le-
troved and get on with my life. If I take one thing
away from here, it is that my peeps are the mo-
important thing that I discovered at VMI. Bone, Snak,
Cocaine, Chops, Dave, Steve, Franks, Cannon, Baldo,
Farris, and my other nameless comrades in arms-
you all made this place bearable. To my parents, ye
have always stood behind me and gave me 100
support whenever I needed it; I love you more the
you'll ever know. BAD, roaming with you for the pa-
three years has been sublime. Through our exploit
hiding a full size couch in our room and housing
nasty flee ball kitten, "Fluffy," you alone have opene
my eyes to the funnier side of life. I don't know wh
I will do without you constantly around to shore th
laughs. But I know even after we graduate, we will s
be burning our bridges in the true ICP style. "Big Dadd
I'll keep a Pops blue ribbon beer on ice for you. Final
to VMI, even though I am on confinement as I writ
this history, the big Willy style has prevailed for the la
time!

"My sword, I give to him that shall succee
me in my pilgrimage. . ."

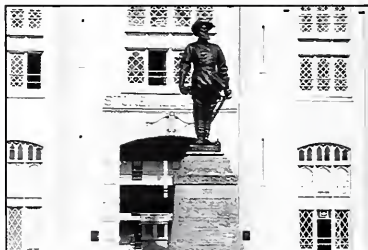
J. Bunyan

powerlifting 3,21

4 Rot, 3 Cpl., 2 Sgt., 1 Pvt.; Dean's List: 4,3,21; Pr
Law 3,21; Rot Challenge Driver 31; Palms Exchang
Program 21; Willy Court 3,2; Club Soccer 3,21; Than
ing Parents 4,3,21+

Dyke Line
1998 - Kevin Trujillo
2004 - Dan 'do nothing' Cragg

Dyke Line
1998 - Chris Buchness
2004 - Rourie Miller, Craig Hamilton





Brian D. Ferguson
Moneta, VA

History ~ Special Student
*Head, Ferg, *\$^&**



Samuel T. Fishburne
Homewood, AL

History ~ Army
Fish, Fish head, Sammy



Harry W. Fitzpatrick
Manakin Sabot, VA

English ~ Marine Corps

Well, its almost over. These last 4 years have flown by. Its been an experience that I will never forget! Although I can't really say that I would like to repeat it, I couldn't have made it without my family. Mom, Dad, thanks for everything, you are the reason I have made it this far. To the rest of my family, thanks for being here, it has made a difference. I also need to thank Jack, Joey, Dale, and Matt, you guys taught me a lot. Josh, you were as good as they get, much thanks. I wish the best of luck to all of our rats, stick it out, the end will come soon enough. As for everyone else, its been hell but its had its moments. Timon, Drew, Baldo, Cannon, Dirty, Franks, I hope you guys never lose touch. Im gonna miss thirsty Thursdays at the Oasis and the Friday nights up on the mountain. Baldo, watch out for those signs. Dirty, stay away from those sheep. Timon, Parker, Drew, you guys kept it exciting, mostly for my expense. Vergne, Chad, Trout, sorry you guys couldn't be around, hang in there. VMI has given a lot of guys reasons to be bitter. As for me, though I have had some of these experiences, I wouldn't trade it for anything.

If there is one thing I can say about my choice in colleges, is that I have no idea why I chose VMI. However, I do know that it was the right choice. I didn't know what to expect when I got here, but from the first day, it was a challenge and an adventure. First, I have to thank God, for through him all this was possible (Ephesians 3: 20-21, Psalms 113:3). I also have to thank Aaron, Brad, and Brian, for getting me out of some crazy stuff that rat year. To the guys in room 472, Kevin, Tony, and Mark, I couldn't have done it without you. For Scott, Tom, Adam, Jameson, Mike, and Chris, First Class year was fun despite the hardships. To the Rats... STUDY! To Chris.. Your da man! To my co-dykes, I can only say wow! We did some stupid stuff. Dean disappeared. Gauge, we miss you man! Dave...just sit in the corner quietly on the shine stool. O'Neal you are not always right. Jarrett, I hope you and your fiancé are happy. Finally, to my family, there is no amount of thanks that can be given. Your were there at every second to support me and keep me going.

No History Submitted

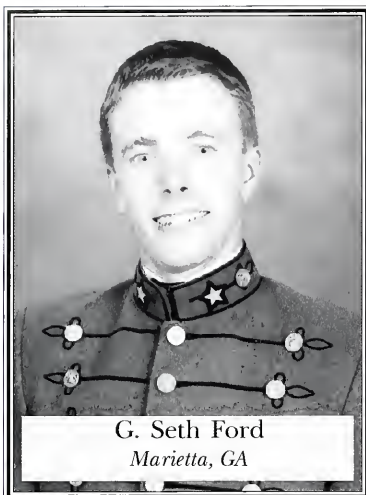
Rat 4; Powerlifting 4; Strength and Fitness 3;2; Pre-law Society 2; Cadet Counseling Staff 4; Thirsty Thursday Crew 1

PVT 4321; Band Co: 4324; Jazz Band: 21; Quintet, 21; Bone Magnet, 43; Abused by Rack Monster, 4321

Dyke Line
1998 - Sean Hicklin
2004 - Josh Powers

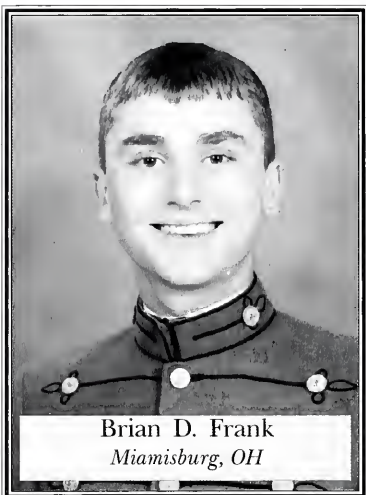
Dyke Line
1998 - Aaron Sims
2004 - Chris Rauh





G. Seth Ford
Marietta, GA

*Biology ~ Marine Corps
Heavy, Sethro, Fordicus*



Brian D. Frank
Miamisburg, OH

*International Studies ~ Special Student
Franx, Franklin, Yankee, Eurotrash*



Kevin John Fromm
Irving, Texas

History ~ Army

VMI—an experience, indeed. The ups and downs here are such that they have to be unique only to a place like this; there's nothing comparable to the good times; but if we are to succeed, we stare into the face of the downs that are truly a test of what we are able to overcome. I wasn't alone. A special thanks to those that have made my success and the accomplishment of my goals here possible and my time here bearable: My family—all of em—is the best a guy could ask for. My parents deservedly stand out—my love for them, and theirs for me, has made me who I am and am proud to be. The Hurleys have been my much needed home-away-from-home—my thanks and love pours out to them. My boys have been the best friends a guy could ask for; the stories are invaluable, the laughs innumerable, and the friendships timeless. To Ears, just a big ___ with ears, and I wouldn't trade him for any HUA locker around. To Country, thanks for it all man, I couldn't have asked for a better friend or better times. Most importantly, thank God for the strength, courage, desire, and ability to make completion of this experience possible. God be with us all.

It's finally done. What I set out for as a rat has completely changed from what I want now, but four years at VMI changed me dramatically. I couldn't have done it without the support of my family. Thank you for always giving me those words of encouragement and Grandma, thank you for your weekly letters that made me feel not so far away from home. Todd, Mary Ann and Mary Ellen, thanks for being my family in Lexington. To all my boys who've been there help me out and deflate my ego when it got too big. Mike, from the repelling cliff to the first stoop you've always been there to tell me how it is and how it's going to be. Tillman, you took a Yank under your wing and showed him how a southerner acts. Sethra, thanks for the good times and I know I'm a Yankee and I'm proud of it. KP thanks for the reminders that life really does have its bad points. Jobeth, I can now speak broken Alleghenian a little, thanks for the good times and the fresh scents you shared with room. Blake, Simpsons and the black devil, 'nuf said. DV, red rules still. Senter, you taught me that rules are there to make getting around them more fun. Finally the end has come.

Courage, Duty, Honor

The decision to come to VMI was not an easy one but once I choose to do so there was no turning back. VMI is a place you can't fully comprehend until you are knee deep in it and have spent years to gain a true understanding. I came to VMI because I desired a career as an officer in the Army and thought VMI would be the best place to prepare me. My beliefs have changed as I have grown older and wiser at the "I" but in the end I guess this place did accomplish what I wanted. VMI is the road less traveled and to be honest I don't know if I would do again but I am proud of what I have done & accomplished. Every experience has taught me something that will influence my future decisions & actions. VMI is a fine example of imperfections. It's these imperfections and how we deal with them, which make us stronger & give us a better understanding of reality.

I could never be where I am today without the support of my family. To all my good friends here of all classes and my Rats, it's been a long journey to say the least & knowing you only made this place so much more bearable. I wish you all the best in life through all challenges & obstacles.

Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Intra basketball 3.2; Club football 4; CPB 21; Pre-Allied Health Society member 4.3.2-president 1; Dean's List 4.3.21; Marshal Table 21

Cadet Battery 3
Study Abroad 3.2
#1 club 3
Private 4.3.21

Pvt 31; Sgt 2; Cdt. Batt Com 1; Epee 4.3.21 CoCC; Armorer; Egl Sgt Assc 4.3.21; AAAA, Ops Sgt 2, VP, Tanker Plt 4.3; ARNG/SMP 3.21; Fm. Affr. Club 2; Franc 4.3; Sweden 3; Brks OH Club 3.21; Sic Semper Tyrannus; Evol. Rebel / Relieved (OD) 1; 496; 369/325; 220; 18

Dyke Line

1998 - Lang White

2004 - Joel Andrus, Graham Carssow



Dyke Line

1998 - Chuck Fullam

2004 - Bryce Strickland



Dyke Line

1998 - Geoff D. Alexander

2001 - John C. Ginder, Sean P. McElroy





Teray M. Frost
Chesapeake, VA

History ~ Air Force



Matthew C. Frye
Norton, VA

*Mechanical Engineering ~ Navy
Fryedaddy, Frye Pops*



Joseph R. Furtck
Springfield, VA

Business & Economics. ~ Special Student

No History Submitted

From the shenanigans of Rm. 452 to the depths of NEB, to the moment I walk on May 19, I can honestly say that there will never be anything like VMI. It all started with my dyke who taught me what being a VMI cadet was all about. Even though he along with everyone else never understood me my rat year (blame it on the accent!) I made it. Third and second class year I lived in the dungeon and left as much as humanly possible (thank you ac days). Now after 4 years with Dart, I may be permanently scarred but I wouldn't take back a single thing. VMI will never see the likes again of the Taco Revolution, the 2001 M.E.s, or the Dork Squad. I owe much thanks to my family, all those I have met here, and to those that I have developed great friendships with. I will never forget the crazy (and yes they were crazy) times we have had. Who knows where the future will take me, but hopefully all the radiation from the sub. won't make me go bald. To Tim and all the rats of Rm. 105, keep your head up and remember that there is no such thing as a bad day (even if it is at the "I"). Have fun and always keep a smile on your face (at least it works for Trandel).

If you had told me when I was a rat how fast the next three years would have gone I would never have believed you. Now looking back the time seems to have flown by. There have been some really good times, like Ring Figure and First Class year and some really bad time like most of Third Class year. All in all VMI has not been totally bad to me. Who knows, given the chance I might even do it all over again.

I guess some thanks are due. I would first like to thank my Mom and Dad for being there. Also I would like to thank all my friends from back home. You guys know who you are. Thanks for the long IM conversations, and the moral support no matter how dark things looked at times. I would especially like to thank all the members of the illustrious Club '26. I know I am not an easy person to live with, and although there have been some bad times, the vast majority where great. I would like to thank all the people in CCM and the Knights for being there and making this place more bearable. Finally, I would like to thank my rats for always bringing a smile to my face.

Clerk 3, 1st Sgt. 2, 5² Cpt. 1; NEB/Dng vet. 4, 3, 21, Triple Entente w/ Dr. 4, 3, 21; ASME 4, 31, Gotel 4, 3, 21, Ac Stars 3, 21, Dean's List 4, 3, 21; Phi Eta Sigma 3, 21 Pres 3; Natl. Dean's List 4, 3, 21; Tau Beta Pi 21 Corr. Secr. 4, Phi Kappa Phi 21, Marshall Tbl 21, VT regular

Dyke Line

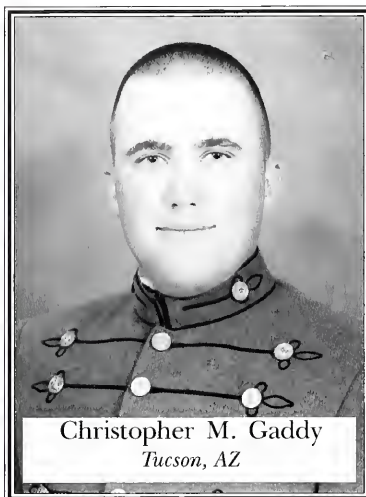
1998 - Michael Lorence
2004 - Tim "The Humper" Price

CCM 3, 21, Newman Club, K of C 11899, Theodore T. Duffy Mem. Council Adv. 1, CIG 3, 21, Fencing 21, Co-Founder Club '26 3, 21, Ecan Honor Society 21, Squiggy to Steve's Lenny, Sat Night Chinese Thtr. 1, Head Lumpo Oompa Loompa Liberation Organization

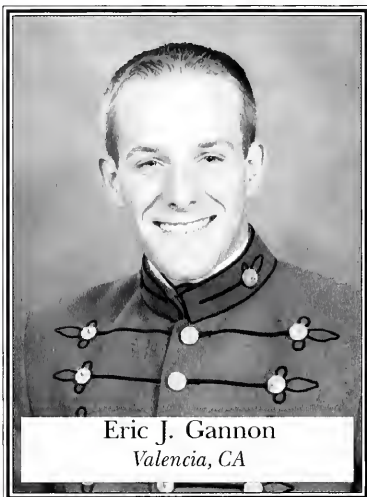
Dyke Line

1998 - Simon Macioch
2004 - Mike Scott

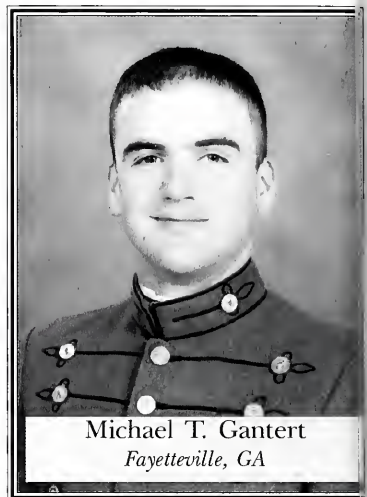




Christopher M. Gaddy
Tucson, AZ



Eric J. Gannon
Valencia, CA



Michael T. Gantert
Fayetteville, GA

History ~ Army

Fat Head, Beer warrior, mad Scot

Fist off I would like to thank my dykes, fatback, TJ, and Beetle. With out them I would have not figured out how to survive in this messed up place. I have had the most interesting 4 years I think a man can have at college. I would like to give a shout out to the goon squad and the whole new barracks crew. (NBLF for ever) I also would like to thank my roommates for whom if it were not for them I would have gone crazy especially during my room confinement. Lastly I would like to tell the commandant's office that it was a good fight but I was never going to let you win. Lastly to my rats, watch your 6 around here and don't let the man get you down.

Physics ~ Marine Corps

SharkSD

Eric Gannon has always been a shameful excuse for a cadet. Shoes rarely shined, brass discolored, and shirt tucked in casually at best, he offers no more than a carefree smirk at the VMI ratrace and the regimental system's war against all reason and civility. Why this smirk? Because, for one, he wields the real power at VMI: the *Cadet Humor Page*. But the reasons for this smirk go deeper yet. Ever the ladies' man, he was "that guy" always with a hot chick at basketball games as a *raf*, and today is one of very few Keydets to have found a girlfriend among the elusive W&L hotties. He is also one of an elite group of geeks who have successfully endured four years under the oppressive regime of the VMI Physics Department in the dungeons of Mallory Hall. He boasts an extensive list of accomplishments seldom matched by any cadet: getting knocked out cold at a rugby match, running an 18-mile race, brawling alongside fellow Keydets atop the Eiffel Tower, passing E&M, and interning with NASA. Eric, your unbeatable sense of humor, generosity, and all-around friendliness will not be forgotten. Best wishes in your future life and don't forget to "lean back and strut!"

Mechanical Engineering ~ Army

G Child, Gantree, Playa

On a cold day in late February 1996 I visited the "Mother!" with my parents, and like most prospective cadets, I was foolishly amazed. In the summer of 1996 I attended STPI met my boy Frank, and together we slowly began to realize what a mess we had gotten ourselves into (the rappelling tower, playing pool, making fun of people, etc). Matriculation came, and my entire life was changed (RAT ROOMIES: Turner, OldsAC, Burns "Little Leprechaun", "Luray", Samers, and later Pat, TO TURNER AND FRANK: Countless nights of tunes/lyrics and sports stats, arguing over the "Real South", making fun of Frank, complaining about M&M and the ARMY for real do! "ATLiens" "Club 155" "ye know dis, man" "mother, mother" and the list goes on keep it real fellas, TO BEN: aka Dirty Monkey, BSSS ASS, "cruisin, through the ATL" Star Bar, it's been fun, 1 MY FELLOW ME'S: WE MADE IT!, TO MOM, DAD, AN ERIKA: Thanks for your support, I love you! I've learned more at the Institute about myself than I could have ever dreamed of. I will never forget my experience here and the friendships I've made.

Cadre: 3, 2 Ranger Company: 4, 3, 2, private: 2, 1 rugby; 4 Number one Club: 2 Pipe Band; 2, 1 target of opportunity for the commandant staff; 4, 3, 2 Grand theft auto; 1 rock painting committee; 2

Rugby 3, Timberframing 4, 3, 2, Section Marcher 3, Asst Section Marcher 21,

Pvt. 4, 3; ASME 43; TCFC 3, 2; ARMY 4, 3, 2; Sun mer School 4, 3; Intramural B Ball/Football 21; Big Re 3, 2; Sergeant 2 Disgruntled ME 4, 3, 2; Complainir 4, 3, 2; Club 155 4; ATlien Always

Dyke Line

1998 - Brian Bailey

2004 - John Cobb, Wes Smith

Dyke Line

1998 - Kevin Thomas

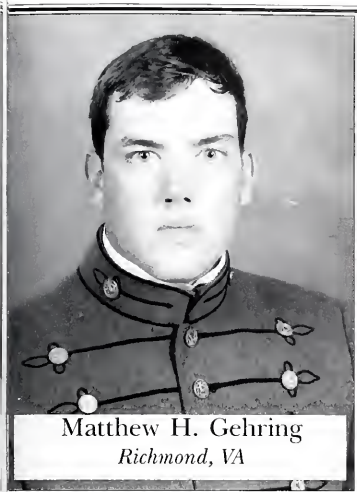
2004 - Alex Nicholoff, Keith Holman

Dyke Line

1998 - Mark Williams

2004 - Chris Russo





Matthew H. Gehring
Richmond, VA

Business & Economics ~ Army



Anthony M. Gelormine
Chesapeake, VA

International Studies ~ Army



James L. Gleason
Cranston, RI

Civil Engineering ~ Army

I would like to thank my parents, sister, grandparents, roommates, teammates, coaches, and friends for supporting me through this long exhausting process. Without you all I never would have made it through this place. I appreciate my older teammates and friends for showing me the ropes, and I wish the best of luck to my friends who still remain. Take care of the crasse team and Richmonders (Saints), be smart and your time to leave this institution will come too. After our long years I am extremely ready to resume My life. I'm out of here, and I'm not looking back.

Well, what can I say about Tony? He's one of those people you always like being around. He has that carefree, joking attitude everyone likes and you can't help from being comfortable around him and having fun. It doesn't matter where or when, during the Routine, conflicts on the Color Guard, or during Army PT. He is dedicated to his girlfriend (now fiancée), his academics, and the Cadet Programming Board. Taking over as president for this year, he wanted to bring some life back into this dark, melancholy Virginia school and I say, "Why the hell not?!" He's also dedicated to his family and church, always close to the people he loves. You went full circle going from Reg. Staff as a Color Sergeant to the highly esteemed rank of First Class Private. I wish I followed in your footsteps. You soon learned rank is not all that's it's cracked up to be and applied for a position better suiting your personality and charm. CPB Pres! But through it all you never forgot your roots, going back to the company you started out in, "Band Company, Sir!" I hope life treats you well and you never change. I know the Army is lucky to have you as an officer and it won't take long for your troops to realize what a great leader they have. Take care and God Bless. To my Mom and Dad I want to say thanks. I will always remember the love you show, and how you've always set me in motion when it seemed that I didn't want to move my feet.

My life at VMI has been an extraordinary one. So the story ends.....just as quickly as it had begun it seems. I don't know why, I cannot explain it, and more often than not I just feel it, but VMI does something to you that you cannot explain. There are intangibles learned here at the "I" that, until you have experienced them, you might have trouble explaining and you came to love and appreciate.

To my friends I have made here and the things we have done...it all could never be replaced (especially getting my truck stuck in a snow covered golf course at 0100 in the morning). I must thank each of them...my brother, Fitz, Campbell, JohnnyMac, Sespoale, Deba, Clayton, and even my rats, you all have taught me how to become the person I am. Many might say it is the end or even a new beginning...but I say, "It is not what we do in life, it is not what we experience, it is not what we hate or love, and it is not what we have or we don't have...it is simply what we become from it all." I will never forget these four years and it is what makes it hard to leave you and the "I" (ironically). I will remember you always, you are my brothers.

Varsity Lacrosse, 4
Cadet Investment Group, 1

Valleyball Club: 1,2 Newman Club: 1,2 Glee Club:
1,2 Band Co. Rat Private 4 Band Co. Clerk 3 Color
Sergeant 2 Band Co. First Class Private 1 Waterpolo
Club: 3 Triathlon Club: 4 Title IX Education and Training
Staff, 4 CPBoard Chairman 1 Room Orderly 1,2,3,4

Hockey 4,3,2,1; Boxing 3,2; CPL 2, 1; Batt XO; Ranger
Company 2;

Dyke Line

1998 - John Morgan
2004 - Porter Brawley



Dyke Line

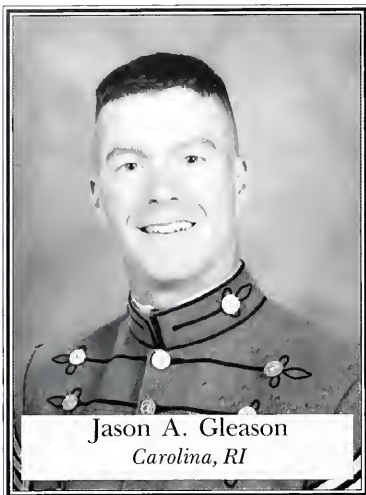
1998 - Keith Lawhorne
2004 - Adam "Chunk" Halstead



Dyke Line

1998 - Jeff Taylor, John Dewey
2004 - Alexander Sullivan





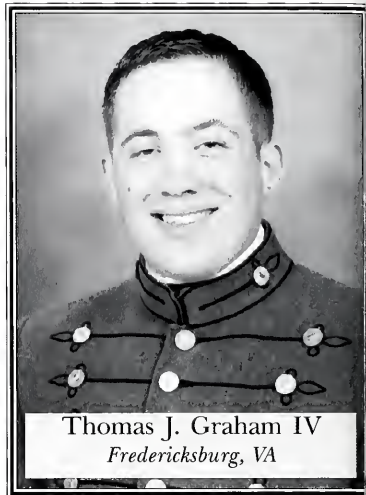
Jason A. Gleason
Carolina, RI

Civil Engineering ~ Army
Jay



Michael J. Graber Jr
Philadelphia, PA

Business & Economics ~ Army



Thomas J. Graham IV
Fredericksburg, VA

International Studies ~ Army
Catholic Crusader, Winky

Jay came to VMI with great hopes, and aspirations. He's succeeded in all facets of life; and has the brightest of futures ahead of him. He's enjoyed his time here, avoiding confinement and pt's. The regimental system and the hockey team are both for the better. Not to mention the ROTC department, Echo company, the VMI hockey team, etc...

I've had the greatest time with my room-mate; from MRE bombs, movie nights, weekends, runnings of the block, the buying of cars, and studying till the wee hours of the morning.

He's going into the Army Corps of Engineers as the best prepared Lt. that I know. Look out US Army, here comes Jason Gleason.

While he and I had a bad first impression of each other, I've found he's the best friend a man could ever ask for. You've faced all the challenges that this place could put against you, and you've emerged victorious with your chin held high Brother Rat.

No History Submitted

Driven by imperceptible jazz, Tom Graham "Beat" in every sense of the word. He greets the world with quiet smirk and a shrug of the shoulder. Yet, he never shambles after like so many others - those eyes one can find passion and unlimited potential; therein, too, humility and kindness.

I feel fortunate to have known Tom for the past four years. Often, I had the opportunity to look at the world through his eyes and discover - if only briefly - its meaning and simplicity. It is a place of small, colorful, all-night cafés, and lonely street corners - a curious juxtaposition of images that serves as the foundation for his faith.

Faithfully, I wish him well in all of his endeavors. May time keep him well and offer unto him its blessings of wisdom and peace.

Tom Graham, Bodhisattva, friend.

"Charley Parker, Forgive me-
Forgive me for not answering your eyes-
For not having made an indication
Of that which you can devise-
Charley Parker, pray for me-
Pray for me and everybody"

Jack Kerouac, from
"24th Chorus", Mexico City Blues

Rat 4, 1st Cpl 3, 1st Sgt. 2, CO 1, Hockey Team 4, 3, 21,
ASCE President 2, Dean's List 4, Ranger Co. 2, Lady
Killer 4, 3, 2.

Tanker Platoon- 4, Cadet Battery- 3; Pipe and
Drums- 4, 3; Band- 4, 3, 2, 1; Title IX Representative-
Pvt- 4, 3, 2, 1; Beatnik in Disguise- 3, 2, 1

Dyke Line
1998 - Jeff Taylor
2004 - Ryan Koniak



Dyke Line
1998 - Paul Balassa
2004 - Jameson Ogg, Adam Sheldon





Hassan Grari
Tangier, Morocco

Computer Science ~ Army



David W. Gray
Baytown, Texas

*History ~ Army
Tex, Lil' Big Mouth, Gray DW, Sir*



Benjamin F. Griffith
Allendale, NJ

Mechanical Engineering ~ Navy

I was asked to write about Hassan's experience at VMI, which I am sure he could have done better. I have not known Hassan long, but I know he is the kindest person. As a rat I am sure he dealt with the trials and tribulations with the grace of a great leader, which I am sure he developed in time as the years VMI got harder and harder. A school with such a glorious regiment brings about a character in its students that molds nations. I do believe that VMI provides its cadets with a sense of honor and purpose from the first day they came to Lexington. Many of the cadets form special bonds with other cadets at VMI for only those that have been through this challenge can truly understand what it is like. The most important part I saw in the whole experience is that the classes are joined from day one like a single personality. Hassan is a charmer. It is just the VMI way to warm us off our feet. Tipping their hats to say hello and some even do it with a slight curtsy. This being his junior year, when we met I hope it has been like dream come true. Graduating from college and finding your future mate all at the same time

You don't have to ask David where he is from, he'll tell you quickly, he was born and raised a Texan. Being a transplanted Texan in Virginia, David wasn't really sure what VMI had to offer him the day he matriculated, only an experience. But an experience is what he seeks in life. From marching 60 miles in a Civil War reenactment, to enlisting in the US Army Infantry when he was 17, and going to Airborne School, David has always sought the fullest and most challenging of experiences. While at VMI, David never neglected having a good time. David has been a good cadet throughout his Cadetship, or at least he wasn't caught too often being a bad one. He met his two best friends, here at VMI, Chris Gaddy and Howie Cook. Inseparable as a pair, David and Gaddy made themselves infamous on Pipe Band trips, corps events, Army FTXs, and in the Commandant's Office. The trio of Gray, Gaddy, and Cook, have found their way into the annals of the class history, by being on the Ringtugure rock painting crew, the B4 6 mile New Market march, and being in the group that "borrowed" the Citadel Jeep. Now we wish David luck in his Career in Armor in the US Army

Benjamin Fairfax Griffith has been on loan from New Jersey for the past four years. While his father grew up in Lexington, Ben grew up North of the Mason Dixon line. I did not know Ben while he was a rat, but I bet he did some gutsy and foolish things. Ben spent his Third class year in NEB Statics class with Col. Trandel was his favorite. Ben spent his Second class year trying to decide what kind of engineering was right for him. He changed from Mechanical to Civil, from Civil back to Mechanical. Then with much consideration, he left VMI and vacationed at Rutgers University. Ben has been always selfless, an EMT since he was a Third. Ben can always be seen at Rat Challenge and Sweat Parties helping the poor little rats out. On top of being the Corps' doctor Ben is also caring, sensitive and never refused driving to Wal-Mart. I am sure Ben learned all of those qualities from his parents, his sister, and his brother, they played very important roles in his success at VMI. I want Ben to know graduation is not the end of his friendships, but only the beginning. That and doing the right thing; it is so hard not to follow the majority, even when the majority is wrong. But fight it. You will always have that. To Ben's rat Russell, remember what Ben did, his actions were his lessons to you. You have high standards already, never let the guard down. Love your country, love the uniform but love your troops the most. Semper Fidelis. Terry Li

Cross country, track and field, club soccer, cadet water

CPL 3, SGT 2, LT 1, Pipe Band 4.3.21, Pipe Major 1, Ranger Company 4.3.2 Citadel Guard 4.3.21

VMI Emergency Response Team 3.21, Lexington Rescue 2, Glee Club, 4.3.21

Dyke Line
1998 - Hank Yu
2004 - Mike Corso



Dyke Line
1998 - Disowned
2004 - Jarod Parker, Nathanael Joslyn



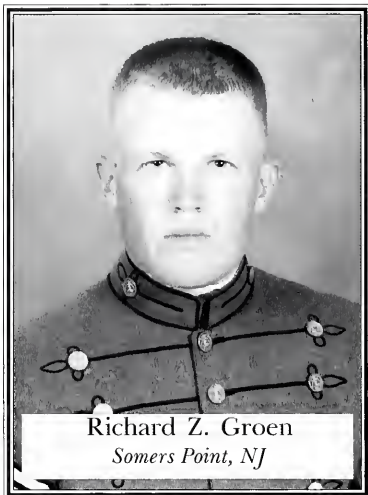
Dyke Line
1998 - William Stann
2004 - Russell Gochenour





David M. Grilli
Atlanta, GA

*Psychology ~ Marine Corps
Ghost Rat, Dave Grilli Band*



Richard Z. Groen
Somers Point, NJ

*Civil Engineering ~ Army
Major, Major Dick, Groin*



Joseph W. Gunter
Stuart, VA

*Mechanical Engineering ~ Army
Joe Boy, Goontar, Warrior Princess*

It was a hot, August day when I matriculated to VMI. I remember wondering if I had chosen my college wisely, but in retrospect I know that I did. VMI presented a challenge that I could not back away from. I wanted to test my limits, and not only have I met them, I have redefined them. I have had my share of ups and downs, but I know that the Institute has prepared me for success in every facet of life. I would like to thank my family and friends for their support; I don't know if I could have made it without you all. Aaron: thanks for the guidance and reassurance; I've done my best to pass that on to my dyke, and I hope I was as good a mentor as you were. Richie and Jason: you were great roommates; you will be missed. Don't forget to keep in touch. Joe and Giovanni: keep your head held high; you've accomplished a lot this year, and I'm proud of you. Brother Rats: the sun is setting on our cadetships, but soon again it will rise on the rest of our lives; may your days be blessed with prosperity.

I'll see you on the outside...

"Whether you believe you can do a thing or can not, you are right!"

—Henry Ford (1863-1947)

I'd like to thank all of the individuals that have helped me throughout my years here, mostly Mom and Dad. Both of you have supported me throughout the thick and thin, expecting nothing in return and I am forever thankful.

Sarah, you've made my final year here awesome. Thank you for choosing me and I pray that you and I will have the most beautiful love story during our marriage.

Roommates like Todd, Charlie, and Eric, are the keys to a tolerable Cadetship. You guys made the time here fly. Talking trash on everyone, 10-6-29, comfortable clothes with backpacks, crunching of chips, and scat will always be my first thoughts when I remember VMI.

John, Alex, David, Daniel, and Keith, make sure you keep your heads high. "It's nothing to fall flat on your face, but to lie there is disgrace." You guys will be great leaders one day. Good luck in the future.

Everyone else, remember, VMI is what you make of it. You are the deciding factor.

Remember one of the top ten on the Humor: show your Commandant's Office knee pads with your name engraved on them? Well I never took a picture of mine but you should see them, the nameplates gleaming because of the carpet. I have had the privilege of having awesome dykes, roommates, cadets, and rat. What I will remember most about my rat year is how hilarious our Cadre was, plus ordering choice beverages from South Philly Phats, too bad burnt down, fond memories there. I though 3rd class year was cool and enjoyed hay downs and going to bed at taps, & "fun" at Hallins. Second class year earned my Stock Tab with oak leaf clusters, plus Mc Meyers threw a chair at me one morning and it went through the window. First class year I learned this: don't sweat the small stuff. Plus they say "ignorance is bliss" well after finding out the inner workings of VMI, I abhor the Commandant's Office and several other officials at the "I" with the stunts they pull on cadets. I don't include SGM Hockaday on this, he's a good senior NCO and respects cadets. Note to self: no more finds it way to cadets, send money to the ME department for project use.

Activities: Club Soccer, 3-2-1; Club Soccer ACIC, 1; Platoon LT, 1

Golf, Ca XO-1; Reg, S-4 SGT-2; Reg, Color CPT-3; Fencing/CPT-3, 4; Civil War Round Table/Pres-3, 21; VMI Museum-1; Marshall Museum-3, 2; In Love with Sarah-1

4 Rat - ASME, Phi Eta Sigma
3 - 6th Corporal
2 - Tau Beta Pi, Marshall Table, Phi Kappa Phi, Col Sergeant, National Guard
1- S-4 Captain

Dyke Line
1998 - Aaron Sims
2004 - Joe DiDomenico

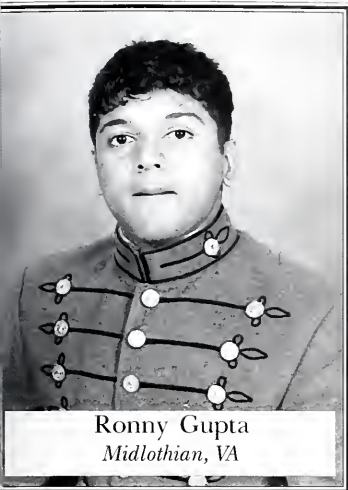


Dyke Line
1998 - Jim Milliron
2004 - John Casper



Dyke Line
1998 - Jason Mitchell
2004 - Scott Eckes





Ronny Gupta
Midlothian, VA

Mechanical Engineering ~ Army



Carl W. Haas
Las Vegas, NV

*History ~ Army
Crazy*



Timothy O. Hackler Jr.
Millers, MD

Chemistry ~ Navy

I remember my rat year when my Dyke's were writing their first class histories, and I thought I would never see the day. Finally, I am here. I want to take the time to thank my parents, friends and roommates for being with me the whole way here. The things that I will always remember about V.M.I. are waking up every morning and laughing at Nick rampaging through the dorm looking for all his uniform items. Andrew listening to his rap music with his florescent yellow Nautica shirt. Jarrett putting on his Rogaine and taking his special pills religiously. Jimmy for being almost old enough to drink and always cuddling with his John Deere blanket. Also, Chook, Pat, Jarrett, Lenart and Frye were glad to thank God that we never have to spend day nights in the dungeon pretending to study again. Well, it's almost over guys and hopefully all this hard work will pay off. Let the fun times begin!

I am truly amazed at how fast time flew here at the Institute. For those who really knew me, they will understand how heartbroken I am about leaving. I've had a great time here. Sure there were bad days, but overall I won't complain. Best wishes to all of my Brother Rats. Scott: Thanks for a great time and for always being there for me. I can truly say you have become my best friend here. Best of luck in the Navy. Rich: The "201 Five" will always be with me. Is that right? Oh that's right! Your folks are the best. Thanks for everything and best of luck in the Army and with marriage. Brian: Sprints at dusk, gb drills, road trips, and sessions in the weight room will last forever. WTW is always in the heart. Thanks for countless rides to NoVA and back and for being a great friend. Judge: You are the Man. Steve and Mike: Don't let this place get you down and don't get down on this place. Do your best and never give up. You guys have been great Rats and have made us proud. Thank you to my family near and far for all their support. Thanks be to God for everything He has given me. Michelle: you have changed my life and I love you with all my heart.

I don't recall what my first impression was of Tim, but I imagine his voice, extensive use of 'whatever', passion for his bug, and laid-back attitude were a few of the things that struck me. The bug is gone, Tim still concludes every statement with 'whatever', and we have spent nearly every night talking. I mean, studying together, which can only be described as an academic disaster. In a feeble attempt to get something done senior year, Tim moved to a different part of the science building, but all this meant was that we had to walk further to talk. We often joked about how good our grades would be if we never met. But when it comes down to it I wouldn't trade a second of talking with Tim for a better GPA, or anything else. Tim is one of the best people I have ever known. He is dedicated, loyal, humble, and kind. In a word Tim is genuine. Tim plowed through one of the most rigorous curricula V.M.I. has to offer with the grace of a John Deere tractor, but he did it. Late nights and overloaded schedules were plenty but he pulled it off. Tim, those who maintain their friendship with you will continue to be blessed by your inherent goodness. Matt 5.8 Blessed are the pure of heart for they will see God

Varsity tennis; strength and fitness club

lacrosse (4, 3, 21, captain 21); The Cadet (1, page editor); Alpha Co. 2nd Plt Lt. (1).

Dyke Line
1998 - Chris Robinson
2004 - Michael Vassar

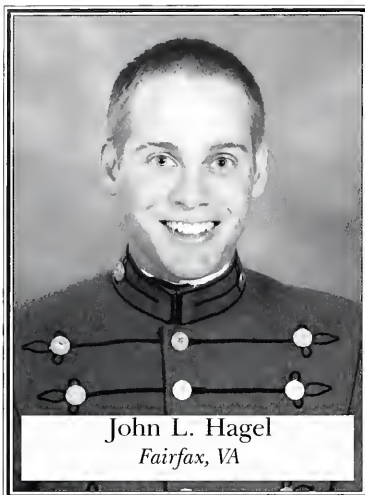


Dyke Line
1998 - Brian Bowes
2004 - Steve Raveia, Mike McLaughlin



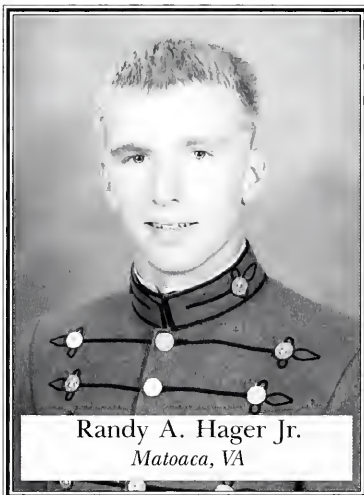
Dyke Line
1998 - Kale Christensen





John L. Hagel
Fairfax, VA

English ~ Army



Randy A. Hager Jr.
Matoaca, VA

Computer Science ~ Air Force



Fred H. Hair
Dalton, GA

Biology ~ Army

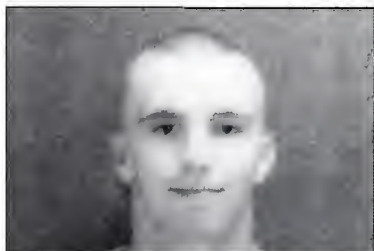
No History Submitted

My four years as a VMI Keydet were a piece of cake. I will probably look back on this time as the easiest period of my life. I had an easy dyke, The Notorious Mr. Ou, who only made me push for like an hour or so a day. As a southern Virginia country boy I have lived with New Yorkers all my cadetship. They never made fun of my accent or teased me because my family has more cars in the yard than people in the house. Academics were a complete breeze. My last semester I only had to take 20.5 credit hours to graduate and I only had to take Calculus for 8 short semesters. Boy did I have the Commandant's office, and they loved me. Judging from the amount of specials I have received during my cadetship those guys must sure think that I am special. Oh how I loved chow. Ole Crozet gets 4 stars in my book. 'So what' if my intestines will never heal; that just builds character. And my rats made my first class year so much more interesting. Everyday was an Easter Egg hunt. Boy I love those guys. And in summing up my cadetship I have only one quote to offer, "Free at last, Free at last. Thank God Almighty, I'm free at last!"

History: First things first: Squirrel, Big Pube, DERE GLE Worm, Tiny Tim, D.A.R.Y.L., Flying Squirrel (after airborne), Angry Little Man, Freddy Lee, Baby Jesus, Gummy Charlie Tuno, Rain Man, Little Hen, Sea Monkey, Napoleon, Henderson, Senior Hair, Talking Pen, Last Man Standing, too many more to list. Ugh...what, why? How could we ever forget those three words? Since you wondered into New Barracks Third Class year you have been the bone of our existence. How I have cherished watching you grow and blossom in a fine...human being. While living with us you have taught us the true meaning of patience and diligence from P.M.S. C.T.T.'s to reading every printed word in the room. Through your unique personality you have made this place more bearable to all who have known you. We will always appreciate you putting up with all the grief we gave you, you know you liked it. From Command and Conquer to Resident Evil, your unique talents never ceased to amaze us. Just as everyday always says: How could we forget all the great times. From introducing us to Jenny to almost getting arrested out at Goshen, it has truly been a great experience to know you.

Deans List: 3, 2, 1 Rat Challenge: 3, 2, Station Clerk: 5 Tour Guide 3 MNMB Staff 1 Rank: Sgt. 2, Lt. 1 Strength and Fitness 1 Hotel Company Mascot: 3, 2, 1 DS-900, 3, 21

Dyke Line
1998 - Lang White
2004 - Charles "Moonpie" Munn





Eric L. Ham
Fresno, CA

English ~ Special Student
Ham Child, Mr. Ham



Justin R. Harber
Vinton, VA

History ~ Army



John B. Hardy
Fork Union, VA

History ~ Army

Eric Ham: Wild-man, writer, and one experienced life, is as true of a friend that anyone could ask for. Justrious and sometimes controversial, he is one of those guys that you never forget – mostly because he always had a tendency to say what he felt.

Mr. Ham – as his friends often called him – was true to himself; and, above all else, he was not your average cadet. He found happiness in life's small pleasures which, quite possibly, is the only way to escape the confines of this place. Eric found the key, and he only let a select few grab hold of it.

Even though the fellaheen streets that he and I have walked down will probably be forgotten, I know that I shall never forget our insane conversations and drinks in New York City pubs and "Lex Vegas" juice-joints. You never lose that part of your true ends – they are always with you.

Something, however, tells me that these won't be the last memories we share. Carry on my brother.

Tom Graham

No History Submitted

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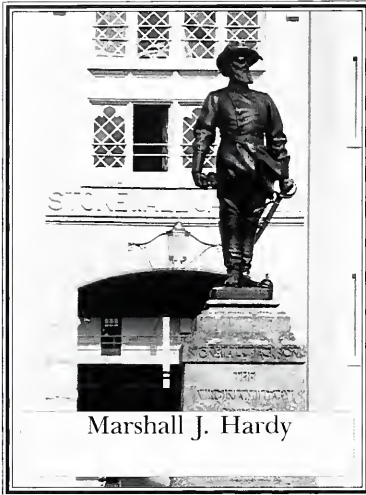
Rat Challenge, 3. Pipe Band Drum Major, 2, 4. Sigma Alpha Delta, 21. Pi Delta Phi, 4. Opinion Page Editor, 4. Recognized English major, 4, 3, 21.

Dyke Line

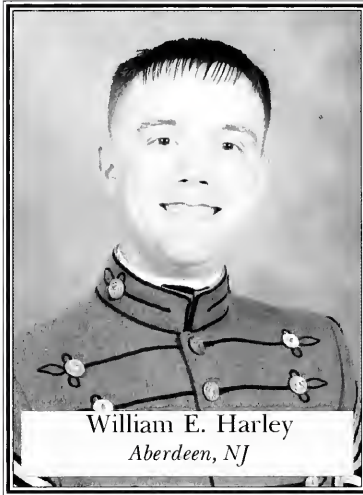
1998 - Scott Reid

2004 - Chipper Woodruff, Bryan Gould



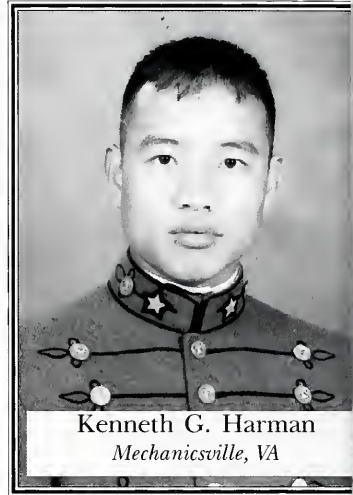


Marshall J. Hardy



William E. Harley
Aberdeen, NJ

Electrical Engineering ~ Navy
Radio



Kenneth G. Harman
Mechanicsville, VA

Psychology ~ Navy

No History Submitted

Over four years ago, I set my eyes on this place for the first time. I thought it was one of the most fabulous places on earth. The architecture, the uniforms and the look of the cadets, made you think that there is something special with these people. Even the quote on Jackson Arch, "You may be whatever you resolve to be," defines this school perfectly. All that is missing is a quote directly under Jackson's saying, "Abandon hope all ye who enter here."

Now, after four years, I have had many good times and many bad. I have witnessed the unfairness of real life and learned how to turn my cheek the other way and continue on. In addition I have learned many hard lessons on dealing with people that don't want to be dealt with and still getting my way. VMI is an experience that cannot be explained by mere words, it must be seen, felt and consumed. Anyone who says that they understand VMI without having lived through it has been caught up in the intricate façade of VMI life that all cadets and administrative officials are so competent in acting a part.

What a fast 4 yrs, I'm gonna miss VMI's draconian ways, prison-like setting, and stupid stipulations. "Gay box" my @ss. Seriously, I will sincerely miss all of my buds at the "I". The riots were fun, the purge week blur, the suffering unbearable, and "r-academy" never fully able to relish. But before you know it I'll remember these times as all good. Your encouragement and humor will be cherished. Tom "The Evil Twin" This is it I guess. Do well in Air Force, I'll miss not being boned 4 your stuff. KIT, Oh, find a wife who can cook more than just ramen noodles. No more tattoos or cigarettes. K! you made ALL the Game Days and Hops worth looking for, thanks for the 110% support. Elj: Stay clear of Baldwin (I will, you will, we will) VMI. Dustin J: Don't let the Cairns' dogs poop in the courtyard again, remember Hissom? (bark, she had a third 4 you) Scotty 'Hurrah' Presser: Airborne!! (One time in B Camp...) Hey, you really made life bearable. You can be my wingman anytime (hug). Alex Tedlar: your duty to please that Bootie, patrol that DC. F. I. cinct "God" aka "The All American Boy" (you know who you are). I know you are bound for greatness. "Wise@ss": Hey Sport, you are the bomb and a star athlete. —Y'all are both the best, (now, stay out of trouble & STUDY!!!!). See you both in three (3) yrs waiting that stage- Kenny

Martial Arts-4; Fencing-2; (Cap); Navy-1; Bull Dog-2; Rat Challenge-2; 1" Bat. Color Guard - 2; Club 26 - 2; Virgin Private - 4,3,2; 2" Bat. S3 Lt (coops) - 1 (Fall); First Class Private (Fixed) - 1; Cadet Staff - 4; Tau Beta Pi - 1; IEEE - 4,3,2; SPS - 3,2; AC Stars - 2;

Dyke Line

1998 - James Poulos, Vinnie Ding
2004 - Nathan Cincala

Navy Bat., Trident Society 4,3; SIP Counselor 4; Staff-2; Title IX-4; Sports Medicine CIG-2; Big Red- 4,3; Psyc. Club-8,2; EMT Staff -3,2; Search and Rescue (SAR)-2; Eta Sigma Phi; National Phi Kappa Phi; Institute Scholar; Honors Program (Paris); Dean's list-4,3,2;

Dyke Line

1998 -
2004 - Jaden Lowry, Malgosia Wiesna





Robert J. Harman
Mount Dora, FL

Business & Economics ~ Army



Thomas F. Harman
Mechanicsville, VA

Psychology ~ Air Force
Boom-Boom, Kenny



Steven A. Harris
Grove City, OH

Chemistry ~ Special Student
Paul's Lackey, Docens

I'm not sure what to write. I've been through much at this school. I've had some pretty good ones and I've had a lot of bad times too, but I think most of us have here. I've matured in ways and I'm headed in directions I wasn't expecting. I'm eager to find out whether or not this place has benefited me. Here's my advice to everyone that I'm leaving behind. Keep your head up! I know, easy for me to say. I'm nearing the end of my stay at VMI and you're right. However, maybe that'll make you feel better the Friday night when you're reading this because you've seen every DVD in barracks... twice. I'm certain that if it weren't for my friends that I've made here, I would've left a long time ago. Damn with friends like these, there's no need for enemies. Seriously, they're the only reason I kept coming back to this place so thank you for your help. I'd like to say thank you to my family too for all of the support anyone could ask for while attending this school. However, Tucker!!! Why in the hell did you let me come over FSU? In conclusion, I'm ready to graduate.

"Know thyself" is my favorite quote from the great philosopher Socrates. These simple two words embody the VMI experience, in which a young person leaves home for the very first time to enter a strange college world. I stepped into this world on Aug. 18, 1997. The first year was quite challenging, constantly testing and stretching my physical capabilities. The following 3rd class year was even tougher being mentally draining. My 2nd class year was better of the three. It wasn't until I matured as a senior that I realized the true nature of VMI. We were raised to follow, in order to lead. The Air Force and jazz band became my passion as I juggled leadership between academics, clubs, and my other responsibilities. From VMI, I have learned many life lessons, but most importantly, who I am. The only thing I regret is not writing more to my parents. Yet, I am grateful for them for adopting my brother and I. In this sense, my situation is a "Rags to Riches" story, but my story doesn't stop here, for I am constantly adding new chapters to my book. This last line is for all my friends, family, and teachers who have helped me in life: Thank YOU!

This started off to be "Sonnet XVI" but there aren't many words that rhyme with "this place sucked" Terza rima just didn't lend itself to apathy.

As cynic laureate of Club '26, I'm often asked why I'm still here if I hate it so much, why go so far into debt to be at a place I can't stand. There is an easy answer. I read the brochure and I believed it.

VMI claims to be a utopia where academics reign and everyone is equal. If Pythia's stool ever existed here, it's gone - nothing but a whispered shadow. But here's to all alumni who drank from Lethe and remember it the way they wish it was.

Yet, it's never the dinner you remember, but those you ate it with. Friends have filled this little corner of Hades with some of the best times of my life. I have to thank Club '26, both the guys and the ladies that joined later. Thanks to Mike, Terry and Ben for the laughs, to Maria and Erin for being beautiful, to Vic, and certainly to Obi-Wan Butera. However, the best times have been with my Kate. Words could never let her know how much she means to me and how much I love her.

To my rat-ties, remember the keys to happiness at VMI: simple pleasures and long weekends.

4th Corporal 3
CCS 2, 1
CIG 1
Cadet Waiter 4, 3, 2, 1
Theatre 3, 2

Dyke Line
1998 - Juan Norris
2004 - Liz Holthouser



Bloodthirsty Band Co 4, 9th Cpl, 2, 1. Pep Band 4
3. Concert Band 4. Rat Challenge Cpl. Ski Club 2, 1
Big Red 3, 2, 1. Philosophy Club 3, 2, 1. Psych Club 3
2 Secretary 1 Secretary AFROTC: IG, C/LTC 1. Commanders 4, 3, 2, 1 CIG Dean's List 3. Who's Who 3

Dyke Line
1998 - Will Stann
2004 - Chris Johnson, Justin Hairston



C Co. Virgin Pvt. Newman Club 4 3 2 1. Pres ~ Knits of Columbus 1, 1st Batt. Cir. Grd. 3 2. ACS 4th: 3 2 1. Sec. FDGottwald II 43 Scholarship 3 2 1. House Mtn Cadre 3 2. Fnc Cub 3 2 1. Club 2 6 3 2 1. BW Undercrafter 7 6 Poetry Award 2 Penalties 1 3 1 7

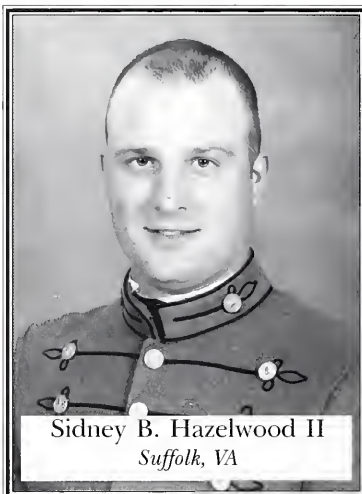
Dyke Line
1998 - W. Matthew McClung
2004 - Joshua T. Fox





Robert L. Harrison II
Circleville, OH

Business & Economics ~ Army



Sidney B. Hazelwood II
Suffolk, VA

Business & Economics ~ Army



Kimberly H. Herbert
Herndon, VA

*Business & Economics ~ Army
Herb, Creature, Q-bert*

These past few years have flown by pretty fast. My experiences here have been both good and bad at times, though, I never regret coming to the Institute. As a third classmen, I was second corporal for Delta Company and as a first classmen I had the opportunity of being the Executive Officer. I would like to thank my family, my mother especially for helping me out every step of the way throughout my cadetship. I would also like to thank my father up above, even though he has never seen the Institute, he has always given me the faith to pull through. To Luke and Brian, the three years we roomed together were probably the best times I had at the Institute, the only thing I regret is leaving the way I did. Shawn, I wish the best for you and Cate 17, and I thank you for all the fishing lessons. Jahn, it was a pleasure rooming with you, and I hope you get that girl of your dreams "off the boat" DBIII, I hope you learn to treat others with respect, out in the real world, something the Institute never helped you out with. To everyone else, I will miss the good times we had, but never the brick and mortar of the Institute.

I came to the Institute confused and scared, not knowing what to expect, and too proud to admit that I couldn't make it without the help of the people who are closest to me. It didn't take long for me to swallow that pride, and count on those people when times were tough. Thanks to everyone in my family for supporting me along the way. Thanks to my mom for the care packages, home cooked meals, and little reminders that you were always pulling for me. Thanks to the Bear for all the words of encouragement and fatherly advice. Thanks to the ROTC department and most of the administration for changing my views about the military, and showing me exactly how poor leadership can destroy the morale of any group of people. I don't think I'll miss living in barracks, formations, or demerits. I will miss the great friends that I have made here as we helped each other through the most miserable times. It's time to move on to the next chapter.

"You can't shoot any higher than you aim, son." - The Bear

I finally see the light at the end of the tunnel, I with my luck it's the light of an oncoming train. For many times as I have been asked "why VMI?" I can say that I have the answer. It was just something I knew that I had to conquer, and no matter how much I have given up these past four years, it has been returned to me ten fold. I couldn't have done without my roommates, friends and family. Thank you for the emails, the phone calls and the care packages.

Cassandra, thank you for never allowing me to ring the bell. Alex, you were my wings when I could fly. Dad, I only hope that my children love and respect me as much as I do you. Tennille, many tears, figs and memories later we're still friends... and to the you didn't like me at first. Angela, I want to be there when you pin the first star! 109 Rats, the school is your hands now. Become part of the solution, not the problem.

Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Others stay for a while and leave footprints on our heart and we are never the same. Though many are unmentioned, you are not forgotten. I wish you the best and will see you on the other side.

Personal workout 4.3.21

Activities: Gold Coast Inmate 3.21; He-man warriors club 3.21, Grass-Country/Track 4, 3; Marathons 2, 1; Soccer 2; Bravo Liaison 3, 2; CCS 1; Cadet Assistant 3, 2, 1

Dyke Line
1998 - Pete Pembroke
2004 - Dave Casteel

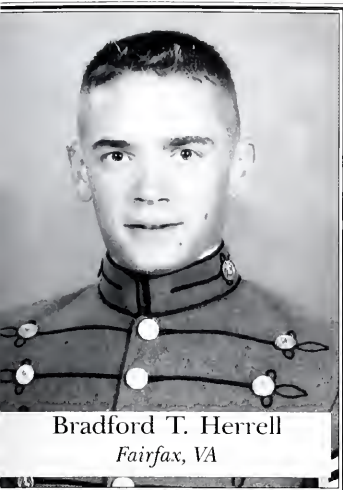


Dyke Line
1998 - Chris Craft
2004 - Travis Madden



Dyke Line
1998 - Marc Schweigert
2004 - John Hicks, Jill Hafer





Bradford T. Herrell
Fairfax, VA

Business & Economics ~ Army



Chih-Yuan Ho
Taipei, Republic of China

Psychology ~ Navy



Sean M. Hobbs
Woodbridge, VA

*English ~ Army
hobby*

Well what more can I say, its almost over. What a long and strange journey its been. I came here with a frame of mind that if I conquered this place I could do anything and I believe that is true. VMI has done more for me than I think I realize at this point. I owe most of it to my friends, my "Brother Rats"; you know who you are. Brian, Ocean City adventures, volleyball, Sports Authority, Kevin, New York, slapping u at Baldwin, oh and not to mention Fighting Gray in Richmond "want to play some pool?" Mike for giving out loud would you turn that damn music off. Antic, City, skiing, and "Don't you know how to rock?" John what more can I say, Asian girls, my hot o, don't worry we drained the water. Scotty, but I e Sweet-Tarts and by the way have you seen my day wash. Boulware when the hell are we going to t started on those storage sheds. Tracy I don't know w you have put up with my shit for three years but ve you babe.

To this day, I doubt there are many who know exactly where Ho came from. If you ask them, most will answer "China, I think," which she probably would neither argue with nor expound upon. There are those who would rather be manufactured than born, rendering the question of where she is from, invalid in the traditional sense. Regardless of her heritage and despite the fact that she was only here for a short time, Ho left her mark on the Institute. Having worn as much rank as she could get and academic stars for as long as they would let her, she overcame the prejudice, which preceded her arrival and earned not only recognition, but also respect. Whenever someone talks about her, as I am sure cadets will continue to do for many years to come, they always say the same thing. In closing, I would like to quote that phrase: "She's o machine" --- Stock DR

There are certainly things that I will forget about this place; however one thing is for sure, the people I have met here will never be forgotten. John, you've been a great roommate over the past four years, there is nothing else that I could have asked of you. I wish you nothing but the best in future and I know you'll have it. Lee you were a new addition to the room this year but we've known each other for the past four years. Keep smiling and hey watch that nose you might knock it loose. To all the fellas who ever did a summer session or in my case every summer, I have the utmost respect for you and hey get a BEER! Mom and Dad what can I say but simply thank you. I will be forever grateful for the vast opportunities, support, money, and most importantly love that you have given me, I love you both so much. Chris you'll always be my big brother and I'll always look up to you, thanks for blazing the path. Catherine as I close this chapter of my life I look forward to starting a new one with you, I love you darling. Well, as all good things must come to an end so must this. God Bless and remember the good times

Cadre, Rat Challenge Cadre, Volleyball club, Commanders jazz band

Reg. Color Guard (Color Corporal), Trident Society, The Cadet, STP Cadet Assistant

BIG RED 34, Ac Pra 4-2, Rack Club 3, Chan Smokers Club 44, Going Blind From Reading Too Much (its an English Major thing) 24, Struck By Cupid's Arrow 1

Dyke Line

1998 - Don Rauch

2004 - Brent Bank, Steve Varanko



Dyke Line

1998 - Joe Seiler

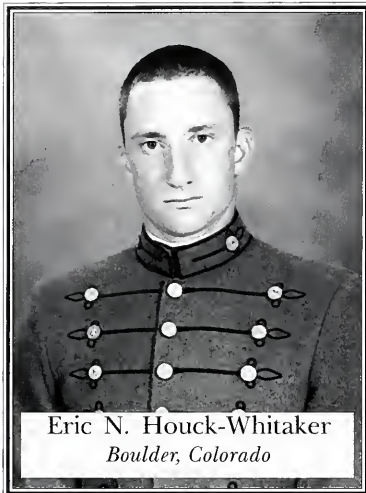


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1998 - Justin Molloy

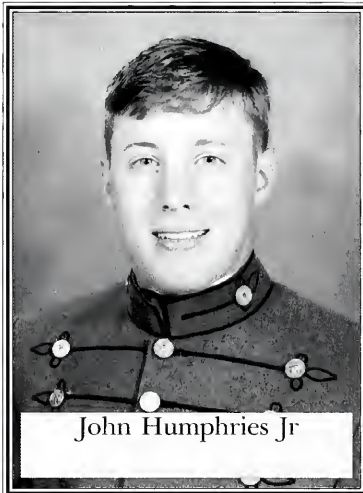
2004 - Andy "Hamburgler" Harris





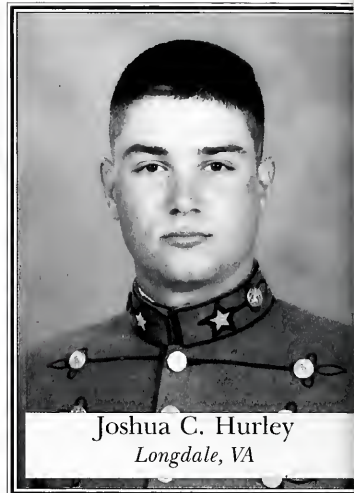
Eric N. Houck-Whitaker
Boulder, Colorado

Civil Engineering ~ Army



John Humphries Jr

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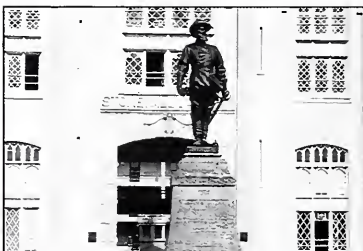
Joshua C. Hurley
Longdale, VA

*Mechanical Engineering ~ Army
Country, Squirrelly*

Eric started his career at VMI without a pillow. From there things only got worse. Hollywood Houck, aka Law-Firm, soon became a favorite of the Class of '99 after confiscating his Ring Dyke's date. His strategy to hide civies out the window failed and all his possessions plummeted 3 stories outside 348 right along with Sirhal's hoy. To the delight of Alpha cadre, Eric ended the Ratline when he returned from Spring Break with some specialized jewelry. Third class year brought the nocturnal development that has progressed. That fall brought the infamous pick up line: "Everything you see we build." He reconciled his plague on 301 by becoming an EMT. "Nice watch!" was the phrase of that year with his pimp fashion statement. Ring Figure was great and the year was uneventful. With one year left, he determined to join every branch of the military and jumped into e-commerce with a successful bid on a GTI. The virgin private, EMT CIC, and quasi RDC member, denounced his private title to join the rank and file of VMI's finest. Eric, you've become a great friend and roommate and we wish you the best in ALL that you do!

To whom it may concern: Knowing what I know now I would not, for anything I can imagine, do it again. But in the end I leave this place with no regrets. Although I bitch and moan daily and have and endless pit of anger concerning my stay here, I leave with a heavy heart. You can't begin to explain to an outsider the bond that we have. There are three things that have kept me here. First there is my attitude, never let my anger get the better of me to the point of leaving. Most things I was able to take with a grain of salt. I would take care of the little things and not worry about the future. Next, are my pals, Drew. Next time you need a jeep started just give me a holler. Funk feel free to stop by anytime and drink a beer with me on the porch. Yeah, Ears I know how to do that. Seth, I don't know what to say there is so much so I'll just say thanks for lookin out for me and I know there's a big front porch waitin on us in Texas. Finally there is mom and dad. Your unconditional love never ceases to amaze me. You never judged me and always supported me no matter how bad I screwed up. Dad thanks for understanding and Mama don't worry I'll be fine.

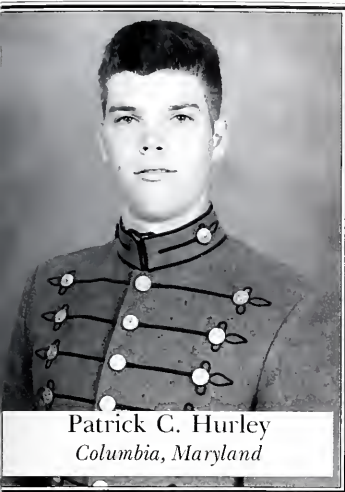
*Dyke Line
1998 - Dave Nash
2004 - Brian Haun*



*Dyke Line
1998 - Jordan Dolan
2004 - Brock Daniel*



Golf team: 4 Strength and Fitness Club: 3, 2 Intermural basketball and softball: 2 Club football: 1 C-21 CPB Vice President: 1 Tau Beta Pi: 1 MINMB S-2 Dean's list: 3, 21 Country boy: 4, 3, 21



Patrick C. Hurley
Columbia, Maryland

History ~ Army



Michel C. Ienco
Miami, FL

Mechanical Engineering ~ Marine Corps



David W. Jackson II

No History Submitted

Performance, Performance, Performance. I never
it anything I started at VMI. I have achieved more
my four years at VMI than I could have ever imag-
ed. All of the tests I studied for as a civil engineer,
a wrestling practices, the ruck runs for Ranger Chal-
enge and the rugby games I played in, I gave every-
ing I had and I learned a lot about myself.
Leacock, we'll never take over a third world coun-
together, but I had a lot of fun with you and the
e we spent together. Rob, what can I say, we had
me of the best times together and some tough
ies. Dolemite forever. Britton and Stanely, thanks
setting an example for me and keeping me on the
ht path.

Mom, you never let me give up on my education
anything else I've done. I thank you so much for
at and I love you very much. Dad, thanks for sup-
porting me and always being there for me.

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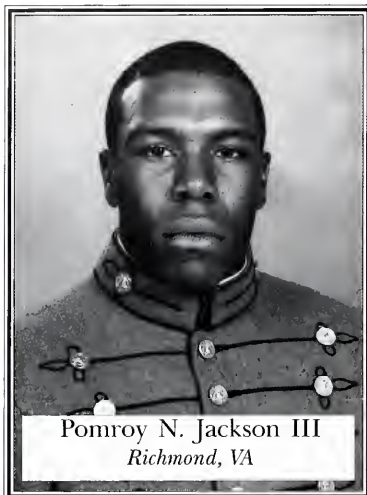
Wrestling 4, Ranger Challenge 3, 2, Rugby 3, 2, Ac
o. 2, Cock Club 2, Private, 4, 3, 2, OCF 1

Dyke Line

1998 - Chris Buchness

2004 - Dave "Cyclops" Kendzior





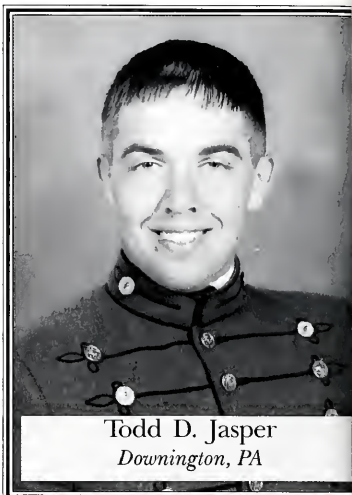
Pomroy N. Jackson III
Richmond, VA

Computer Science ~ Army
Masta P. Pdigggy



Harri K. Jähkola
Jämsä, Finland

Business & Economics ~ Army
Count Jacula, open-minded European



Todd D. Jasper
Downington, PA

Computer Science ~ Navy

It's definitely been a hard fought, grovelly ass road. I couldn't have got through this place without your stern yet wise knowledge and lessons of life. These past four years have been the longest, most painful years to date. Your loss was more than just an emotional tragedy, but another tough reality of life: "POP" thank you for making me tough as s---! To my roommates...I love you kots. We've got the best room in barracks...I said it! My man Sydney aka my secret identity, been through it all playboy, I love you & 4. Adam aka A-luva aka Wotote, u're the best hearted guy I've ever known (no bull!). Oscar aka Alf, we've survived dif. environments, roommates for life brotha. Ryan, it's been my pleasure. Couldn't have made it thru do storm without the star-line-up. As for football, certain individuals have presented more than enough obstacles in my lane (you should have finished me off when you had the chance)...I will laugh at you one day! My mom, my sovior, queen and best friend...I LOVE YOU! I owe the world to you! To the rest, see you all in the real world...good luck!

Thank you mom, dad and grandmom for your unwavering support, granddyke Harri for persuading me to come to VMI, friends here and in Finland for being part of my life, my rat Daniel for putting out, the Merediths and Mrs. Dooley for helping me graduate.

"Those who will not reason, are bigots, those who cannot, are fools, and those who dare not, are slaves" - Lord Byron

From Jim Morroe: Never a boring moment. That's the simplest way to sum up the last 4 years of knowing you. If only we had more time to do some crazy stuff. I see graduation as not an end to all of our fun, but merely a beginning. If it weren't for you, getting through some of the tougher times here at VMI would have been impossible. You have always been the one person, no matter how bad I was feeling, who could make things a little better. I wish you nothing but the best in the future.

From Billy Prible: Harri has been a part of my life for 4 years, and many more I'm sure. All I can ask: Are all Finns like him? From the stoops of VMI to the streets of New Orleans, we've made history. Our foreign friend will one day marry a model, get rich off his screen-plays, and I get to say I'm a brother.

Thank you to all the people who made it possible for me to persevere through VMI and graduation, especially Mom, Dad, and Jenn. I could not have done it without you.

Inside Jokes:

Rich: "oh yeah" "where you at Groen" "hey, Inyan" is down there, just lay on the deck"

"D-Town" "10-6-29, thanks Colone"

"comfortable clothes and backpacks, OH

YES" "381 curse" "time for a HOOAH run"

Charlie: "CRUNCH..." "Charlieeeeeeeee" "Cc. Guy" "love them Longwood chicks"

Big Red Club 1; Charlie RAT 4; Charlie PVT 3; Charlie PVT 2; Charlie PVT 1; Interstate 81 Getaway Squad 3, 21; Keydet Football 4, 3, 21; Powerlifting 1; Promaji Club 4, 3, 21.

Dyke Line

1998 - Ernesto Sampson, Wan Norris
2004 - RC 'Pro AM' Simmons



Dyke Line

1998 - Jim Milliron
2004 - Daniel Belzer, Brent Long





James C. Jayko
Vestal, NY

Computer Science ~ Army



John P. Jicha
ChesapeakeVa

Civil Engineering ~ Army
John "made in Taiwan", Jicha64,



Zachary K. Johnson
Christiansburg, VA

Business & Economics ~ Army

"Somebody told me once before that you can never go home again once you leave. Had say anything just to steer me away from the truth of who I am and what I believe. So I thanked him for his two cents in a shake and some sympathy; I packed up my jeans and I headed for the big prize of my freedom." *Martin Sexton*

Thanks, mom and dad, for everything. Since the time I was small all you have offered is encouragement. You are the best parents anyone could ask for. I can do is say thank you.

My reason for coming to VMI is similar to some others; I would get myself in a heap of trouble anywhere else. Somehow, with a very delicate combination of luck and good sense, I have managed to keep my nose clean. Thank you to all my friends both here and at home who have protected me from myself and taught me a lot on the way. It's good to know that there are a few people you can always count on, no matter what. We've made a good run of it.

"I'm waiting for the time when I can finally say: 'This has all been wonderful, but now I'm on my way'" *Phish*

Well, I can say I have learned a lot here, but it doesn't seem like it is time to already be writing this. The time has flown by and everyone is ready to get out of here and move on, but where to? I have made the best friends I will ever have while being stuck here. I won't forget y'all. I'll be there anytime if you need me no matter what. VMI did teach me how to be a leader by doing the exact opposite of what the administration said. To my Rats best of luck study hard now and it will pay off later. Time is short. Best of luck to everyone. Peace. I'm out. Jicha64 "made in Japan", Ring Figure Katie bang bong Sold the bronco. 2X Head High in Costa Rica with crocs. Have fun in SD did you ever make it there again? Real World What haven't you tried? Virgin Private Greek God Gettin' shot. PW4321 NH do you remember? Up at 5 on someone else's couch, surfed till 4, work at 5 till 10. Out for the night gettin' \$%&*@ up till 5am Push repeat Made no money. 7 Springs 2004. JMU Club 4321. Is your ***** longer than your fingers, if so look out Vail 04.

"When summers gone where will we be?"
Jim Morrison

Post Proelia Praemia "After the battles, come the rewards." Well, I have yet to see the rewards, but in due time, as things run their course, I'm sure they will come. My four years here, have without a doubt, had their ups and downs. I didn't want to come and after I was here, strongly wished to leave, but for one reason or another I stuck it out. It wasn't until my junior year that I learned not to fight everything that happens, but to take it in stride. I have made friendships that will last a lifetime. I have been fortunate enough to study abroad twice. Experiences, which I will never forget. Soccer was a struggle at times, but was an overall good experience. I have some good stories to take with me (the night in Paris). I owe my parents a big thanks for all of their support over the years. I'm sure I wouldn't have made it without them. I also want to thank my grandparents for their support and Lisa for her many trips to see me over the years. I want to wish my brother good luck with his decision and the next four years.

Boxing, 3,23; ACM 4,3,24; Private 4,3,2; LT 1.

Soccer 4,3,21; Ecuador 3; Prague 2

Dyke Line
1998 - Chris Wells
2004 - Todd Pagel

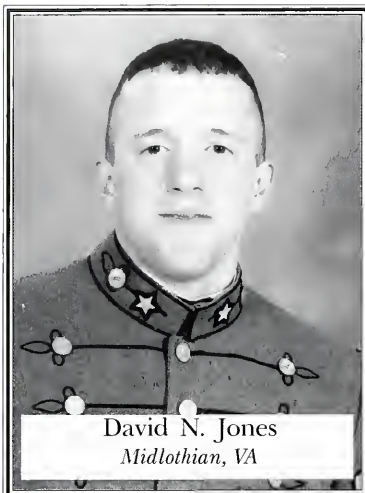


Dyke Line
1998 - Adam Warner
2004 - Jay Saunders



Dyke Line
1998 - Brett McGinley
2004 - Ed Wierzb





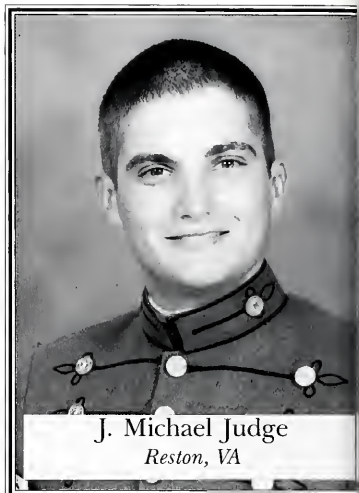
David N. Jones
Midlothian, VA

Business & Economics ~ Army



Richard L. Joyner
New Kent, VA

Business & Economics ~ Army
Dick J



J. Michael Judge
Reston, VA

English ~ Marine Corps
Mike, Mikey J, Mokachino

It's well past taps and I should be studying for a test I have, but yet again the Institute has bestowed upon me a duty that must be completed by tomorrow: ok, so maybe I put off writing this for a while. Anyway, this is supposed to be the part where I thank everyone and tell people what I have learned. Well, in all reality, since I have been here I have grown up and become a different person. If this is VMI's doing then I suppose I owe it a debt of gratitude. It was this school that made me learn the value of true friendship and how to figure out who your real friends are. Othman, Drew, Steve, Ben, Brian and anyone else I missed (hey I only got 1170 characters), thanks for looking out for me. You guys got me through this place.

Was this the hardest thing I will ever do, probably not. I can say that it is the most humbling and character-building event I will undertake, I hope. What's next? I am not the type of person to sit around and wait so bring on the next challenge. Whatever it is, I am sure that after what I have been through in my 21 short yet eventful years, I will be able to make the most of it. After all isn't that what's important in life?

This place really has a way of tormenting you. I would like to thank COL Levenson for most of my anguish. Despite that, there are so many people that I would like to thank, but I'm just going to narrow it down to the few that helped me get through the roughest of times. First of all, I would like to thank my Mom and Dad for all of the love and support that they have constantly offered throughout my life. Without their devotion, who knows how I would have ended up. Uncle Jim, you did a fabulous job and I have so much respect for what you have done here. Thank you for being there for me. I have had many roommates through the years, but my boy Co (Chino Town) has stuck it out with me for all four. Thanks for helping me keep my chin up. Dove, Larry, Drew, Woytow, Rod (Grider), McGrady, BJ, Phil (Feel), Ro (Corie), Gary, Adam B. and all of my other boozing buddies, you are all my brothers and I will remember you forever. If I have left anyone out, it is because I have run out of space. Everyone (you know who you are), you have a special place in my heart. I will never forget you. I miss you Grandma and thanks for watching over me.

Most important in all this mess is God and my faith without which I would not have made it.

IHTFP!!! You know how we always talk about VMI being a penitentiary? Well, it is and here's why: All I've done here is gotten stronger, gotten bitter, gotten tattooed and gotten away with stuff. The only difference is that we don't have cable tv.

To the 15-connex: Y'all my boys...stay down in life. The antics of J. Nieder, SS, Russdawg, and the Notorious BAD will forever be branded on my mind, can fill this yearbook with all the stuff we did. Y'all guys have no idea how much fun I've had partying with you, serving confinement with you, marching with you, lifting weights with you, sharing our hate VMI and the military with you, and most importantly laughing my a** off with you. The best thing VMI has given me is great friendships with you guys. Eric, you've been a great rat-fie, don't let this place discourage you from doing what you want to do. Katie, neither of us know what the future holds but I love you and you've been the best thing that's ever happened to me. To all others I left out, thank you. To those who play'd hotted on the 15 crew...nuff said. I'll leave you with a quote, "It's an everyday thing when you hear your n'tz hang" Peace, I'm out...15 till I die!

Activities: Cadre (1,2,3) Powerlifting (1) Ranger Company (4)

Activities: MSJ 2,3,4; Strength and Fitness Club 2; Angry 1,2,3,4; Confinement 1,2,3,4

Lacrosse 4 Private 3; Corporal 3; Master SGT 2; Dr. Major 1; RDC 1; "Real" VMI Reservist 2; Cyr McCormack Club 4 Citadel "GTA" 1; 15-Connex 23,11

Dyke Line
1998 - Mike Smith
2004 - Mike Roscoe



Dyke Line
1998 - Edward Allen
2004 - Giovanni Morales



Dyke Line
1998 - Steve Nichols
2004 - Eric Hepper





Keith A. Just
Richmond, VA

Psychology ~ Marine Corps



Campbell C. Kane
Schuylerville, NY

Psychology ~ Marine Corps



Scott E. Keblusek
Midlothian, VA

Civil Engineering ~ Army
Dude

No History Submitted

I was once told that cynicism is anger spread thin. Therefore I shall forego the usual wisecracks about my last few years for the moment. Scholastically I have grown a great deal. I once thought that I "knew" a great deal. Now, I will be happy if I can ever figure just one thing out in my lifetime. I shall safely tuck away these four years of experiences in my gray matter with the label "To be opened at a later date." When that date comes I will, no doubt, follow in the footsteps of so many alumni and attribute all that is good about myself to these experiences. I fear this reflection will be biased by a desire to find something of worth to the "VMI game." I must remember that there are others as good and better who have chosen not to take the same path as I did. Maybe the anger is not so thin. I did something differently...maybe that is all I need to say about it.

Mum and John, I cannot begin to thank you enough. You have put up with me and encouraged me to no end. I just hope that some day I will be able to nurture a child the same care and devotion you have shown me.

A man of truth is defined by his words.

A man of character is defined by his actions.

But there is such a man whose words are reflected in his actions and whose character has its foundations in truth.

Such a man is defined by nothing, but rather exists as a true personification of moral worth and the highest degree of human value. -Keith Just

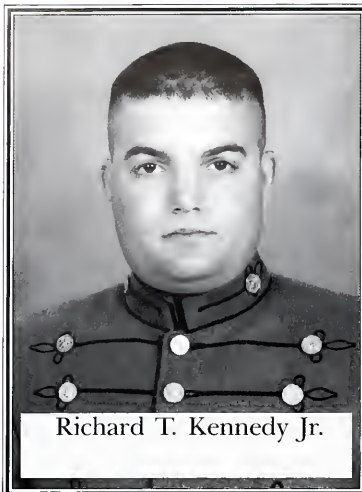
Scott, I am so glad that I met someone like you at VMI; you have been a trustworthy and sincere friend. Thank you for consistently bringing laughter to the room. Your most admirable characteristic is your vigilance; you believe in your convictions and strictly uphold an ethical code of conduct graced by Christianity. Looking forward to many more years beyond VMI in making each other laugh. Hallelujah! John Kouborouls

Scott, although we didn't see eye to eye on a few subjects (hallelujah), the last two years have been pretty fun! The No History Submitted sarcasm, joking Koub, late nights and especially the movies followed by ice cream! Good luck with everything! -Zach Johnson

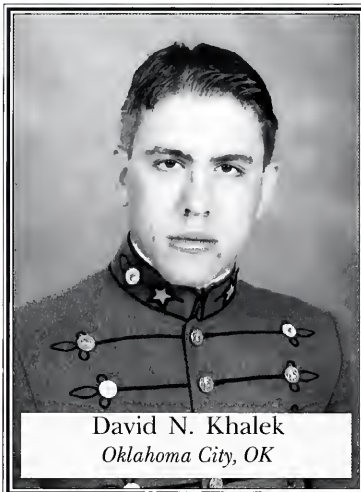
Bravo Co. 4th CPL, Ops. Sgt., XO 1st Rat Challenge CLP Rat Challenge Rock Climbing Cadre 2nd/CL Rat Challenge ACIC, Marathon Club 3rd and 2nd, Boxing Team 1st/CL Title Nine Officer 1st/CL Timmins-Gentry Music Society 3rd and 2nd class year

Rugby 4.3, Religious affairs committee 1





Richard T. Kennedy Jr.



David N. Khalek
Oklahoma City, OK



Philip H. King
Abingdon, VA

Electrical Engineering ~ Army

Civil Engineering ~ Army

No History Submitted

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VMI was the only college David applied to during high school. He received the Institute Scholarship as well as a spot on the wrestling team. While his family back in Oklahoma placed bets on his length of cadetship, he worked diligently not only in academics, but set out to ensure that no one won that bet.

During his third class year David excelled in the classroom, and made several life-long friends. He became one of the WWF crowd in Lejeune, while he and BR James Shircliffe became inseparable. Although his placement on the wrestling team had expired his second class year, he received word of the birth of his son, G company BRs celebrated with cigars on the stoops.

His first class year he welcomed, signaling the end of his cadetship, the promise of becoming an alumni, and finally marrying his high school sweetheart, Katrino Ewing.

Dyke Line

1998 - Rob Eddy, Scott Reid

2004 - Stephen Kaufman, Drew Eland





Jonh D. Kitt
Richmond, VA

Psychology ~ Army



Stephen J. Kolenich
Richmond, VA

Computer Science ~ Army



John Koubaroulis
Virginia Beach, VA

International Studies ~ Army
KOUB

First of all I would like to thank my Mom and sister for always being there to help me when things got hard. I would also like to thank GOD for giving me the strength to get through this place. To Aaron, its been great 4 years, and good luck with the wifey, and the force. You will always be a pimp. Larry Beazley, you were here with us, but good luck at JMU. Dee, Cooper, Lil Richie, TJ, and the ever-wandering guy, don't get into trouble and the best of luck to all the guys. To everyone else good luck and have fun in the future.

I've put this off long enough, now's the time to compose. I think about the BOMBS in the library and how they'll be there for quite some time. It's a lot of pressure to write something that will last, but here's my piece of history, however cliché. There have been days when I was happy to be here, and days when I questioned if I'd see the sun set over barracks, but I have survived. Many people wonder why I came here; I wonder with them. I can only say that I believe it is good for me. I have a thousand thanks to say and a thousand curses, but the short list is this. Drew, Dave, Othman, thanks for putting up with me for 3 years. Rats: don't give in. As a rat I was baptized in fire. 3rd, I received less sympathy. 2nd a dream. 1st I'm picking up the slack and amazing myself.

As a roommate of the Air Polak you come up with one important conclusion. This man of all men has built himself from next to nothing to the individual he is now. He is one of the best and most incredible success stories I know. Only problem with that is, he will always be making more money than me! I wish you best of luck in life! -Drew

Its Dave. Drew took up all the room to write

Treading water for four years, that is how I describe the VMI experience. Beginning on matriculation day, you jump into a swimming pool and stay there until you graduate. Sometimes it is easy to tread water, other times it is not. As the coach periodically blows the whistle, he changes the pace at which you tread water... faster, faster, faster... Your body aches as you vigorously kick and pull the water in order to keep your head above the surface. Once you have completed the exercise, you get out of the pool and thank the coach for leading you through a demanding practice. You thank the coach because you know he is conditioning you for competition. You thank the coach because he has made you stronger. VMI has been my coach, and now as I leave the pool to graduate, I want to thank my coach for giving me such a hard practice.

Thank you to my dykes-class of 1998-Marc and JC. To my roommates, we shared some great times together, Keith, Scott, Zach, and Marshall.

Good luck room G30 rats, Gary, Ryan, Matt, Ed W and Ed B.

Thank you mom and dad for always supporting me; your guidance and love gave me the moral courage to succeed at VMI!

Activities: ACM 4,3,21 Triathlon: 21

OGA President, Reg. Clerk, Swim Team: CCS, Phi Eta Sigma, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Alpha Theta, Army ROTC

Dyke Line
1998 - Denis Claytor
2004 - Rory Miller





Kyle W. Kramer
Dacula, GA

*History ~ Navy
Chicken Hawk*

It's the changes we make in our lives that effect the most differences in this world, whether they be good differences or they be bad differences. As I sat down to write, I began to think back on my years here at VMI as do all of us on this threshold of a new frontier. I thought about the many changes I've made these past four years; as students often do at this point in their career. I wondered at what differences my changes have made.....

Things That Change Things That Do Not Change

Interest rates	taxes
Jobs	true friendship
Tastes	true love
Opinions	friends
Loaves	family
People	God



Jeffrey E. Kuehne
Phoenix, MD

*Electrical Engineering ~ Army
Kuehne, Kiwi, Kuehnahanahaway*

Well, I feel older, wiser, and perhaps more cynical now as my cadetship begins to wind down. The transformation that has taken place between rat year and first-class year has opened my eyes and fine-tuned my values. A good friend and brother rat once told me, "Honor is to not lie, cheat, steal, nor tolerate those who do; Integrity is what you do when no one is looking." VMI has by far been the hardest undertaking of my life and I most assuredly could not have done any of it without the constant support of my friends, roommates, professors, and, most of all, my parents. These past years have been incredibly hard and I thank you, Mom and Dad, for your never ending support and open mindedness to all that has happened. Megan, thank you for being there for me during even the toughest of times this past year. I have learned so much about myself during my time here. I will take with me memories of rat riots, Ring Figure, Mardi Gras 2000, AFM, late night studying for EE, and, of course, high voltage fun. Mott and Ed, best of luck on the road ahead.



Jared K. Kuhnhehn
El Cajon, CA

*International Studies ~ Navy
Punjab, Jab, Poon, Kuhn, old man*

I came to the "I" hoping for a second chance to get into the Navy, and I guess an experience that couldn't get anywhere else. I'm pretty sure I got the experience, but I'm not sure if it was exactly what I thought it would be. What I am sure about, are the bonds that I made with the people at VMI. Alf-you were there for me in so many ways. Cory-you were the greatest friend I could have ever asked for. Waytow-thanks for everything...signal corps!! Brk and Chaps...you guys were the best roommates ever. Drew-you were someone I always looked up to as an inspiration. Matty-you were the nicest guy I could have ever had the privilege of knowing. To the rest of my friends that I couldn't mention...I could never have made it without you all. To my family, I love you with all my heart. To the boys in TKD, you guys were the greatest. Nathan, I admire you for sticking it out through this place, good luck in everything that you do in life.

Cpl. 3; Ops. Sgt. 2; S-4 Lt. 1; Big Red Club 3, 2, 1; VMI Museum Assistant 3, 2; IEEE 2, 1; EE Cadet Assistant 1.

Pvt 4,3,2; TKD 4,3,2.

*Dyke Line
1998 - Kevin Thomas
2004 - Ed Cooper, Matt York*

*Dyke Line
1998 - Eric Smith
2004 - Nathan Wright*





Benjamin L. LaFon
Christiansburg, VA

Biology ~ Army



Brian T. Lakin
Stroudsburg, PA

*Civil Engineering ~ Army
Snakin*



Brandon D. Lambaiso
Suffolk, VA

Computer Science ~ Navy

No History Submitted

Snakin came to VMI in '97 on a whim and will leave without knowing why he stayed. He was a portly rat who has since morphed into 200 lbs of rippling steel. Rooming with him for two years has taught me a few things about him. He is fiercely loyal to his family and his fiancée Maggie. He makes engineering look easy, and has a passion for lifting I've never seen before. He loves Chops deeply and cherishes their "smoke breaks". LOL! He sleeps at a near comatose level and his breath is rancid. He never has any \$\$\$ and never will thanks to Maggie. Waking him for SRC calls for my bayonet and his personal appearance rivals Bones. Putting up with Willy and me is an accomplishment, and I hereby forgive him for getting my couch confiscated. I don't know why, but he has made many friends here and though he lacks military bearing, is looked up to by others. Maybe it's his easy going and fun loving nature, or that he is always the last to complain or spoil the atmosphere with a bad attitude. Either way he is a great friend and I'm proud to call him a BRF...oops, I meant BR (that's for bringing mawyer into my room, you jerk!) BAD

No History Submitted

Activities: rugby 4, slave labor FTX 4, rat challenge
high ropes 3, powerlifting 1, RDC 1

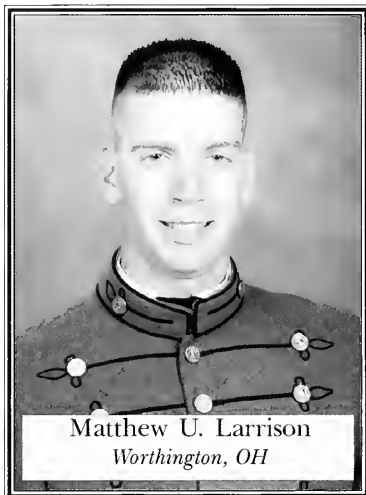
Dyke Line
1998 - Brendan Toolan, Trey Ashman
2004 - Maurice





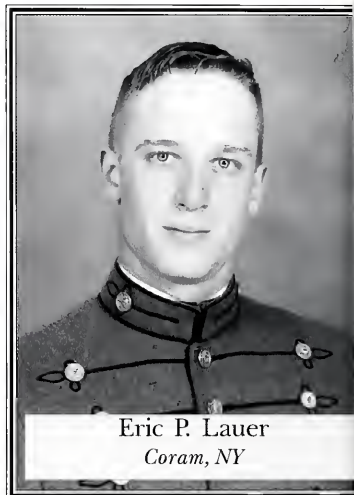
Samule B. Laneave
Richmond, VA

Psychology ~ Air Force



Matthew U. Larrison
Worthington, OH

Business & Economics ~ Army



Eric P. Lauer
Coram, NY

Computer Science ~ Army
Kannaida, LoneWolf, Batman, Skip

No History Submitted

My four years at VMI were painful, many days I wake up wondering why I didn't go to OSU. However, the friends I made here and the bonds we developed are like no other I have had. Guys, you're what made VMI bearable. I will never forget the fun we had getting crazy. Being part of your lives made it worth the sacrifice to come here. My parents were always there for support and guidance, wanted or not, thank you! Mom you are the toughest cadre I have ever had and hopefully will ever have, love ya. Dad I look up to you and your accomplishments more than you know, they always motivated me to achieve challenging goals. Jenn, you're the best sister. Thanks for keeping the parents under control while I was at VMI. Grandpa, I still have no musical talent, what ever happened to that gene? Your kind heart and intelligence always amazes me. For my rats, at the 'I' everyday you wake up is better than the day that awaits you. Good luck! To my roommates, VMI was a battle for survival, put some underwear on, never disrespect 124.

"Ultimately we're all dead men. Sadly, we cannot choose how, but we can decide how we meet that end in order that we are remembered...as men."

-Gladiator

Well kids, here we are at the end of a rather long and seemingly hellish journey. I can honestly say that I wouldn't be who I am today without VMI. Thrust into a world of anger, frustration and despair, I came across some of the closest friends I will ever know. Noboa makes it through here alone, I'm no different. From r dykes and codykes of Team 139, to the ever-changing list of roommates, my friends from down the stairs and even down to my rats I've come to know more people in the past four years than the eighteen years prior. To my first class roommates, Mitch, Phil and Steve, thanks for the laughs. Thanks for being a listening ear and an open mind. Tex and Head, thanks for the times. Without you two, ROTC wouldn't have been laughable. Tom, thanks for making me feel like a part of the family. Sam, thanks for the runs, the debate and the laughs. Steve... just thanks, you damn well BETTER know why. Without you the outside world would've killed me LONG before VMI. To my rats, your guys have been great, keep up the good work. "I can only see a short distance ahead, but we can still see plenty there that needs to be done." -Alan Turing

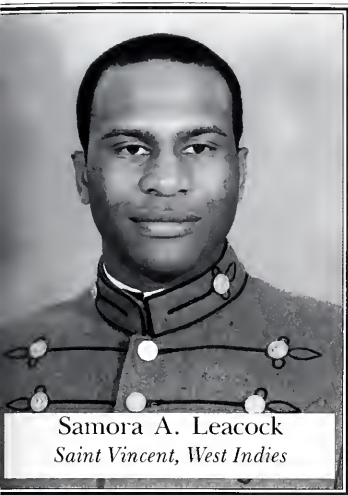
Charlie co.; Corporal 3; PVT 2; number one club;
BPE B Mac von excursion 2000

Band 5th Cpl; Band 2Pit CSGT
VMI Lacrosse (Rot. 3rd)
Regimental Band (Rot. 3rd, 2nd, 1st)

Dyke Line
1998 - Troy Smith
2004 - Adam Brankamp, Stacy Rostefer

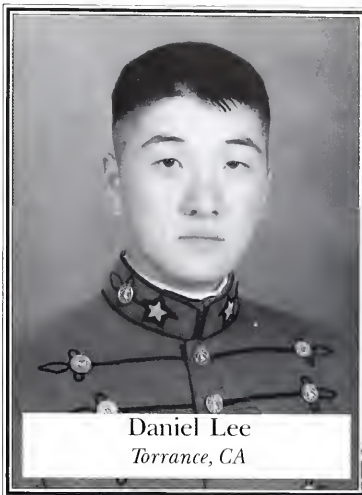
Dyke Line
1998 - Mark Glancy
2004 - Jeffrey Hocutt





Samora A. Leacock
Saint Vincent, West Indies

Business & Economics ~ Army



Daniel Lee
Torrance, CA

*International Studies ~ Army
Dong Ha*



Bradley R. Leigh
Charlestown, WV

Business & Economics ~ Marine Corps

The first time I met Samora, his quiet demeanor made him seem somewhat unapproachable. The more I got to know him though, the more I found out that he wasn't some boring quiet guy but really creative and funny. His jokes, imagination, and (especially) his antics were contagious and never failed to make me laugh. Life with Samora is definitely more interesting. I know that, whatever he decides to do after VMI, he will be successful and have a great time. Good luck man and thanks for everything!

I am aware of the sacrifices my parents made to ensure I hold that VMI diploma. Nothing satisfies me more than knowing I have not failed them, or myself, be forever in debt to my family, and all the friends I made here for their support. Also I cannot forget the officers and ranks of the St Vincent Cadet Force 1990-97, thanks for providing an excellent foundation my military career.

To: Mike (Annapolis, Citadel, Richmond, Mardis Gras) en (Buckhead ATL),
Dave (Buzz life), Mary (everything), The Rats (at bible
Jes)
Nuff Respect!!!
Samora

Who would've thought I would make it this far? Especially not my parents or friends back home. Suckers! Every since the day we met our Cadres together, my memories are hazy about the routine experience but one thing is certain: I reached my goal here. Oscar got his XO rank and I got my Ac Star finally after my 2nd class year. However, my fondest memory about VMI is studying abroad in Korea. Just the thought of how much fun I had while you guys were stuck here still makes me grin!

The best of guys here like Oscar Alfaro, my co-dyke and best roommate Mike Martin, Adam Waytowich who seems to get the jobs he tries to avoid, Saputra with our failed stock adventure, co-dyke Bubba, and my Kall bud Jared Kuhnhen. All guys who I can trust and go far help anytime.

The drunk-fest during the football games with Oscar is the most memorable. Better yet, all my fond memories with you is with alcohol. Thanks for the 21st Bday.

Mike, stay off the hoes man!
Bubba and Saputra, good luck in your countries.
Saputra, you owe me an island. Go Taiwan Bubba!

Thanks for the best of times through the worst of times. Adam and Mike, I'll see you in the army!

Things are so much different now than they were four years ago.

I've lost and gained so much while at VMI, that simple words seem

an understatement. I cannot say whether I am better for the experience,

time will tell. Bitter confusion masked us all at the Institute on how we

could have subjected ourselves to this place. It could have been

better or worse for many of us. I will not spend the rest of my life on

the hang-ups I may have developed here. I stayed the course and finished

against my better judgement. Now I'll just live, and that's all I want

"We live as we dream-alone."
Joseph Conrad

ranger challenge 3,23; ranger company 4,3; club
ceer 1; RDC 1

Tanker Platoon 4 Study Abroad-Yonsei Univ 3
Taekwondo Club 2 Phi Alpha Theta 4 Dean's List
4,3,21 Dean's Honor List 2.

Dyke Line

1998 - Nathan Blackburn

2004 - Frank Palaia, Matt Sanders



Dyke Line

1998 - Shane Finley

2004 - Ed "Junior" Chen, Eugene Kim





John P. Lenart
Highland, IN

Mechanical Engineering ~ Army



Brian D. Lengvasky
Vanderbilt, PA

Psychology ~ Air Force
leng leng



John P. Lentivech
Lockport, NY

Business & Economics ~ Marine Corps

After 4 years of pondering the question why I came to this place, I can honestly say it must have been the party atmosphere. After numerous nights goofing around in the dungeon then worrying about what Tricky Dick and the Wabbit was going to throw at us, we all have to admit that it was nothing that we couldn't handle. I have met a lot of great people during my stint, but only a handful are my true pals. Hobbs, you have always been my go to guy since the get go, whether it was to hit up The Palms on a Friday night, or just sit out on the stoop and shoot the breeze over a smoke, I could always count on you. Lee, you have kept me on my toes this year, and I am glad to spend my last year with a little guy like you. Chook, Rajiv, and Matt, you guys have really kept me working these past years, minus the Lenny-made of course. Mom and Dad, thank you for motivation to keep striving to be the man I am now. I love you both very much, David, James, Phil, and Paul, I couldn't ask for better brothers that could keep such a close bond living this far apart. In closing all I can say is that my stay hasn't been too short by any means, thank God I'm outtie. God Bless

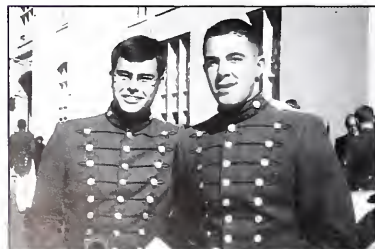
First I want to thank God for my health and the opportunity to go to school. Next I want to thank my wonderful family especially mom and dad for their strong support while I was here, I couldn't have done it without them. Last but not least I have to thank Anita for all the help she has given to me while I have been in school and for being there for me when I needed her. I can't believe its time to leave this terrible place already. Though it was a miserable 4 years, I managed to find plenty of ways to make my time here more enjoyable such as all of the unspeakable things Brockman and I did to our past roommates (Howie, Cronin) and other guys (Prokop, Sidney, Dalton, Tilman, Ferg, and list goes on) to all the times I was let's say sneaky it wasn't all that bad if you know what your doing(see pic). Brady meals with Bunting were great. Southerners, don't be jealous of us Yankees who know what a real meal is (peragie, hulupkie, haluskie, etc) Cabell, Sid, Ty, and our buddie Rittlin the late nights were awesome. Howie and Cabell you know I had to be the all time triple play and madden champ. Thanks for free computer rent Cabell and Howie you were great cell mates. Cox take after me and you'll be great.

No History Submitted

Ice hockey 4,3; Big Red 4,3,21; ASME 4,31;
Pvt. 4,3,21

Football 1,2,34 Acpra 4,3; Anita 1,2,34 Tool Bag hater
1,2,34 Private 1,2,34 Jerry Club 1,2,34 Flatwoods area
ATV champ 1,2,34 Parade Marcher 0; Rat Daddy 2,34

Dyke Line
1998- Eddie Hidalgo
2004 - Duncan McClellan



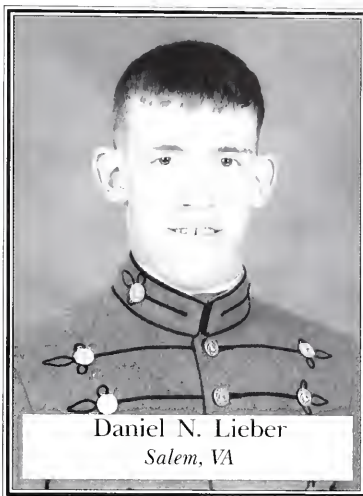
Dyke Line
1998 - Heath Edmiston
2004 - Jason Cox





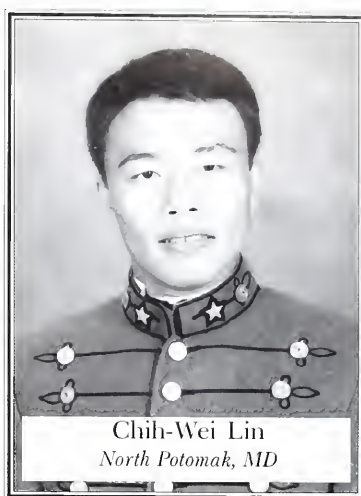
Terry A. Li
McLean, VA

Mechanical Engineering ~ Marine Corps



Daniel N. Lieber
Salem, VA

Mechanical Engineering ~ Marine Corps



Chih-Wei Lin
North Potomak, MD

Computer Science ~ Army

Here Graduates Terry A. Li

Aug. 1997 - May, 2001

United States Marine Corps

Wow, Dan is graduating...seems like just yesterday we walked into room 216 during STP. Dan is one of the greatest guys that I have ever had the chance to meet. He works harder than anyone I know. "Not that I am a good judge of that!" Second class year it seemed like Dan stumbled into my room needing a place to live. I do not remember exactly what he was wearing but I am guessing it involved a camouflage Chevy Racing hat. Dan and I have been through a lot together. From STP to First class year with a small absence by me for that "measly year" I would have never thought that I would have become such great friends with a "redneck." But now I look back and realize that great friends come in all types. "Some even wearing a camouflage Chevy Racing hat" Dan has a heart of gold and needless to say would give you the shirt off his back. His morals are unbreakable. "Trust me I tried my best to work on that" in short I would just like to say Thanks Bro, for everything....."Topo"

I am glad to be a cadet in this Institute. After four years of cadet life in VMI, I appreciate the way BRs take care of each other and the way this place educates me. I received most of all my experiences of American culture here, especially the VMI culture. Ratline, sweat party, brother rats, cadres, breakout, inspections, parades, studying... etc, I sincerely don't like them too much, but all of these things are my the best memories of the United States.

Club Soccer 1; Mountain Biking Club 2; Newman Club 1,2,3, 4; Rat Challenge Rock Climbing Cadre 2

Froop. 4, 3, 2, 1 Air Force 4, 3, 2, 1 Distinguished student. 4, 3

Dyke Line
1998 - Carol Hallen
2004 - Josh Speak



Dyke Line
1998 - Mike Upshaw
2004 - Drew Barret



Dyke Line
1998 - Chen Jr-lang
2004 - Wu Jen-You





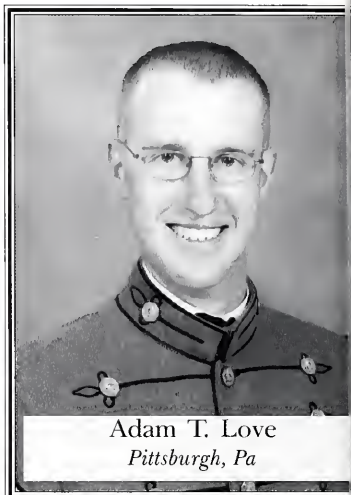
Lin Liu
Taiwan, Republic of China

*Electrical Engineering ~ Navy
Bubba*



Chad E. Lloyd
South Boston, VA

Business & Economics ~ Special Student



Adam T. Love
Pittsburgh, Pa

Civil Engineering ~ Army

Matriculation, Aug. '97. I still remember that day, hot, humid, and sick to my stomach at the thought of not knowing what lay ahead. As I went to my room on the 5th stoop of old barracks I wondered who my roommates would be. The first roommate I met was Lin Liu. I thought cool guy, and then I proceeded to say, "How is it going?" When Liu replied it was with a heavy Asian accent. A lot of thoughts ran through my head, one being, "Is this guy American?"

Almost 4 years later as we get ready to graduate I can say that Liu's English has improved. On top of that he has become culturally enriched with American sayings like "Eat S*it!" We roomed together for 3 years so I can safely say that Liu is one of the best roommates, not to mention best friends that anybody could have. We had a lot of great times together, like when you learned to play quarters over Thanksgiving break. I just wanted you to know that I couldn't have picked a better person to room with. The name Liu B*tch will live on with you forever. As you head off into the Taiwanese Navy I wish you the best of luck. May you meet many ladies and may your ships stay afloat.

Chad is one of the guys the recruiting brochures talk about when they mention camaraderie. I only really have been friends with Chad for the last couple years, but I feel incredibly lucky to have met him. Chad's room is the place you go when you are feeling sorry for yourself, because in a few minutes he will have you laughing again. His laid back manner is infectious, and before you know it, you've spent a few hours in his room doing nothing but shoot the breeze, which is the best way to pass a few hours at VMI. I know Chad is going to be successful, because you can't have his outlook on life and not be. So to all of you who did not take the time to sit down and get to know him, it's your loss-Twist.

No History Submitted There are some things that are nice about VMI, and there are others that aren't. I can say I have had my fair share of them all. Twist don't forget Roleigh because, "it turns out that it's not where, but who you're with that really matters." Good luck next year. Lastly, but most importantly, I want to thank my family and friends all over the world for being there when I needed them, I won't forget it.

Well, it is finally 98 + 3 or 2001 and I am graduated. These last 4 years have gone by unbelievably fast and I have enjoyed every minute of it. I will not necessarily miss VMI and all of its strange rules, but I will miss the friends that I have formed here. I will never forget you guys. I attribute the success that I have had here by the leadership and mentorship of my dykes, Greg Ohare, Cesar Perez and Russ Schweitzer. I hope I am able to pass these qualities down to my rats, it's keeping the dyke line tradition going. Do I have a word of wisdom for my rats? Yes, make the most of VMI. If you can succeed here, you can succeed in life. Remember, your grades are what allow you to stay or leave. Now, onto my roommates Brandon, Jeremy, and Jeremy. Jeremy you are one of the funniest guys I have ever met and 2nd Class year would not have been right without you. Joy, you are one of my closest friends. We had a lot of good times together. I will not forget Brandon you were my best friend here at the "I," and we went through a lot together, military and school. You will make a fine Army Officer. Finally, but not least, to my parents.. Thank you!

Rat 4: Big Red Club 3: International Club 4,3,2: Fraternity Society 3,2: IEEE 4,3,2: Dean's list 4,2:

PVT 4,3,2; Rat Challenge Cadet 2; Cadet Waiter-1; New Barracks-2; Real College Experience-1

Rat Challenge 3, 2, 1; Cadet Battery 3, 2, 1; 4th 3: 1st PLT SGT 2; 3rd PLT LT 1

Dyke Line
1998 - Kuo-Liang Ding
2004 - Chi-Wen Ke, "Key"



Dyke Line
1998 - Greg Ohare
2004 - Kent Monas





Rachel J. Love
Emmaus, PA

History ~ Army



Scott M. Lowe
Ventura, CA

Electrical Engineering ~ Navy



R. Price Lykins III
Memphis, TN

History ~ Air Force
Lurkins, Lickins, Elvins, Memphis

Without the constant love and support my mom and dad have given me throughout this "character-building" experience, my time at this place would not have lasted this long. Dad, thanks for helping me to keep a sense of humor about this place and reminding that, it's just life and it's bound to get better eventually. Thanks for being the best ring figure date girl could ask for. Mom, when I think back to all the times we've had to say goodbye to each other so I could come back here, I rarely remember you without a tear in your eye. I know you weren't in favor of me attending this place at the start, but you were always in my corner, cheering me on. The boys, Josh and Gabe, my two favorite brothers, I'm so proud of you guys. Josh, I'll never forget when you grew your hair out my rat year just so you could say, for once in your life, you had longer hair than me. Gabe, every time I come home for a break, I swear, you're at least 6 inches taller. Being at this place, it seems like I've kind of missed out on you two growing up. Not a day has gone by that I haven't thought of you both. Then, I know this past year, having to be apart most of the time, has been frustrating for the both of us. Meeting you is the best thing that I'll take away from this place, by far. I can't wait to start the rest of our lives together. May 27th can't get here fast enough. I love you.

We're graduating college? The past four years have been a lot of work but I think it's going to help me when I leave here and have to cook on my own.

My friends have helped me to avoid taking things too seriously and getting lost in all of the details of a place as unusual as this. Carl, Rich, Jen, Luke, Harry, and the rest of my goofball friends definitely made life more interesting, and a lot more fun. Everyone seems to be going somewhere else and doing something new but I know they'll be successful at whatever they do.

Without my family, I couldn't see myself making it this far or having so much to look forward to when I get to leave. They've always been behind me and that's helped me more than they could ever know.

I didn't know what taking care of my rats was going to be like when I met them through CCS. After I got used to having bald headed guys in my room all of the time, I was proud of all of the work they did this year.

See you in the car!

Take Mexican food, a love of Mustangs and Elvis, and a hint of vanity. Throw it all into a tall, skinny, southern gentleman, and you have Price. His friends may be grubby 1st class privates, but not Price. With his appearance immaculate and a deep down love of VML, Price is what a Keydet should be. Always faithful to his school and friends, he is a cadet who, though he holds rank, has never been a tool bag. Aside from his military aspects, Price has a great love for entertainment, be it music, movies or impersonations. There are probably few people who love the music of the '50s and '60s more than him. Elvis being his all time favorite, but of course he is The King. Price has entertained friends and strangers alike with his many great impersonations, like Connery (swords for \$200!), Harrison Ford, Jagger, Kramer, and of course Elvis. Price endears himself almost instantly to all who meet him with his wit and self effacing humor. He bore the brunt of numerous trials and tribulations this past year, but Price came out on top and walked the stage with a smile on his face. One should never wish away the present, but oh to see Price in 20 years. I envision a true alumnus, one who still loves the 'I' and is involved in committees and giving. Price, speaking for us 1st class privates, it is an honor and a privilege to call you a friend. In the immortal words of The King "Thank you. Thank you very much."

Water Polo (cop) 1,2,3; Trident Society 1,2,3,4, CCS 1

rat 4; cpl3; 8-5 Sgt 2; Capt-Pvt-XO-Capt 1; Ring Figure Chairman 4,3,2; AF Scholarship 3,21/2; Int Basketball 21; El Puerto Appreciation club 21; Elvis freak 4,3,21

Dyke Line
1998 - Jesse B. Holmes
2004 - Mike McLaughlin, Steve Raveia

Dyke Line
1998 - Steve Pruitt
2004 - Jake Reisch





Brian D. MacDonald
Wilbraham, MA

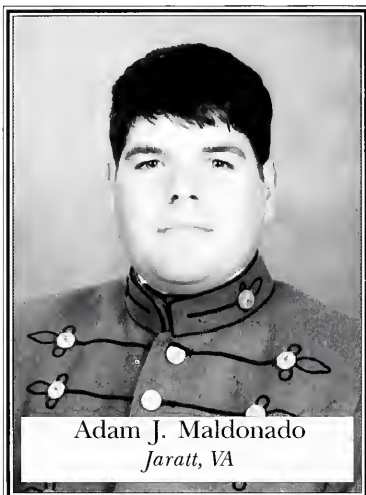
*Business & Economics ~ Army
Bmac, Nuts*

Two Roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could have not traveled both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And I looked down at one as for as I could
To where I bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that, the passing there
Hard worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden back.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost



Adam J. Maldonado
Jaratt, VA

Business & Economics ~ Army

No History Submitted



Tamina M. Mars III
Prince George, VA

Biology ~ Special Student

Da you remember the day we got our first hair cuts? That was the funniest day because you had to be the dumb ass to look in the mirror after you got the hair cut and you just started baling, and Sidney looked at you and said "she ain't gonna make it!" But you did make it through that year. Granted we have never always gotten along and we have had our arguments and fights, but we always made up. You could never and still can't, stand for someone to be mad at you. I think one of your best qualities as a friend is how much you put your friends needs first before your own. I can't not know one person who does not want to be your friend or liked by you. I also want to tell you that your music is beautiful, and I hope you don't loose sight of that. Finally I want to leave you with this quote, "How ever rare true love may be, it is less so than true friendship." --Alexis.

Ok, ok, shut up, it's my turn now. I just wanted to say that if it wasn't for my friends here, I would not have made it! Gussie, I love you girl! Danee, you're the best! Read and Billy, we've had so much fun together. To Ghetto corner: What's up!! Mom, Dad, & Harry love y'all!

PVT 4, 3, 23

Private 43-2-4; Band 3-2-4; Jazz Band 43-2-4

Dyke Line
1998- Edward Neibert
2004- Jonathan Dumas



Dyke Line
1998 - Jimmy Stanley
2004 - Olivia Chapman, Natasha Davis





Gregory L. Martin
Moneta, VA



Michael K. Martin
Houston, TX



Taylor C. Mawyer
Mechanicsville, VA

Mechanical Engineering ~ Army
Mr. ED, NARB, Egghead

Mechanical Engineering ~ Army

Computer Science ~ Army
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As a result of living through this place called hell, I have developed some of the closest friendships with many GUYS. I remember all of the horrible things that the Taco Revolution did to thirds and even some of our most disliked BR's. Kenyan, Dirty, and my daddy, you guys are definitely my closest friends and really made this place bearable. Dirty, thanks for contributing to our storage facility under the sink... you are the nastiest guy alive. Parker you are probably the most demented person I know, but thanks for all the good times.... "Hold Whatcha Got". Henderson, Whittaker, and Uno, thanks for all the opportunities to make fun of you guys. Lazur, Same-Time, and Kiwi you are best roomies... thanks for helping me pick on Barrett. Love Muscle, buy a Ford and scrap the Valvo. I.E.B., I truly hate you! To my rats, Noah please do not let anybody up and Justin try not too chase to many women at once. As I close, Sarah you are so wonderful and have been such an inspiration, thanks for sharing your life with me. I can not wait until June 30! Thank God this adventure is over. It is time to close this chapter and start another.

The bad memories I can remember are the ones when I had to see my professors. I always felt like I was going to the principal's office. I would walk in and they would always say "Martin". (big sigh). I seem to get more lectures from my professors than the ones I get in any of my classes, mostly on my "stoic" way of learning. There are two professors I will never forget. Col. Trandel was the toughest teacher I had. He always pushed me to learn. In the end I respect him for trying to help me. Col. Barr an interesting "little" fellow. His class was interesting because of his eccentric ways of teaching and his sarcasm towards me. Another man I shall never forget is Cap'n Rhodes (a.k.a. Signal "Ranger"). A meat-and-potatoes type of guy who gets straight to the point. I have enjoyed his class because his lectures were quick and to the point. He understood that cadets had important things to do like eat lunch. I also want to thank my roommates "Danny Hang" and Bubba and the lasting friendship we have. Maybe one day we'll see each other in Army. When the time comes that they need my help I'll be there with my platoon, ready and waiting!

Who knew 4 years would go by so fast!! I must start off thanking God and my dad for getting me through all this mess. Without them, I would never have made it. Mike and Tom, who would have thought that the 3 co-dykes would still be hanging together. It's been fun guys. A good reason for the speed of this journey would have to be my hay. Thank you hay!! It's gonna be great remembering those days of Cocke Hall ball, the study sessions of the computer science corps, and all those DVDs that were watched. To all my friends back home, thanks for keeping me sane. SL and AV you are great friends and those late night conversations kept me alive my last two years. Thank you. My fam: Have you all! Thank you for all your support and love! Hal, stay sane and I know you will have fun here. You did what no other 20 yr-old would do!! I learned so much here while being so quiet. It was a blessing in disguise. To all my friends here, God be with you! I will see you all again, but until then enjoy the real world. It was all a game.

VIRGIN PRIVATE 4.3.21; Disgruntled Engineer 4.3.21; Mountain Biking Club 3.21; Rot Challenge Cadre 3.2; ME 1; Grotel Member 4.3.21; Dork Squad 3.21; LA Endit Agent 3

Tae-kwan Do 4, 3, Jujitsu 3, 2

Volleyball Club 4.3.21; Glee Club 4, Baptist Student Union 3.21; ACM 4.3.2; JV Basketball 1, Private 4.3.21; 4th Class Blood Drive Rep.; Dean's List, Intramural Flag Football Champions; Cocke Hall baller 4.3.21

Dyke Line
1998 - Dimetri Poulos
2004 - Ed Chen, Eugene Kim, Ke

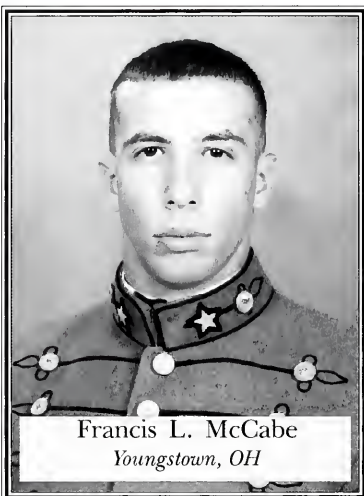
Dyke Line
1998 - Brad Cooke
2004 - Hal Stalkworth





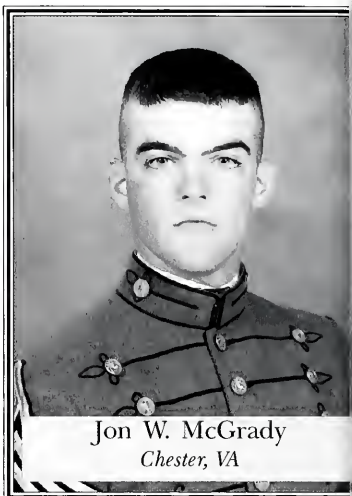
Jonathan E. Mazur
Richmond, VA

*Mechanical Engineering ~ Army
Goober, Laser*



Francis L. McCabe
Youngstown, OH

*Business & Economics ~ Marine Corps
Irish, Godfather, Primo, Species*



Jon W. McGrady
Chester, VA

Civil Engineering ~ Army

Well, the past few years have been interesting to say the least. I suppose that I should start with the inevitable "thanks!". Thanks be to God for strength and much thanks to family. Thanks Mom & Dad! for all of your encouragement and support throughout the years. It's ironic that you questioned why I wanted to come here, and you two end up having more fun here than I. I want to thank all of my roommates for making this place bearable, even fun at times. Greg, Jarrett, Jeff, Josh, you are all sick in your own perverted ways! There is nothing like perverted shower jokes for 4 years that really increases the "bonds" with the guys. We have gone through some crazy s**t in the past 4 years, but if you're keen enough to look past all the B.S., I do believe that VMI makes you a stronger person. Last, it's been great making new friends, especially the ME's. We are by far the best ME class to date! Fortunately, most of my memories consist of screwing Rats in VMI's wonderfully sick distorted way. Nate, FN Jim, and David "I need to cut weight, so I can make my car faster" Russell, y'all can be such a pain in the ass, but I love you guys. Thanks for the memories.

Never before in my life have I been around somebody that had such drive to be the best. I got my first taste of the "Species" when we started playing what was, in the beginning, a friendly game of basketball; about five minutes into it, arms were flailing, bodies were flying and elbows swinging. For him, there is no such thing as friendly competition.

I've never seen Frank sweat in stressful situations. I remember that sometimes Frank would have four essays to write, twelve miles to hump for Bulldog, and a company of Rats to train. Regardless of his duties; he'd just get through everything with so much ease and slip into his rack with enough time to take on the same routine the next day.

Frank would amaze us all by the way he would conjure up different characters and play them out in hilarious and absurd situations. My favorite was "Nigel Browning", the belligerent English bloke with a penchant for buggery.

Well Frank, all I can say now is...Thanks for being there and I won't say good luck, because guys like you don't need it...they just succeed without it.

Jon had many interesting experiences here at VMI, most of which I have witnessed. Some sad and some hysterical and definitely not something you would want to come home about. Perhaps throwing up in his car on a Saturday night is hard to imagine, but it happened. I won't mention myself and others I won't mention, became engaged with lighting fireworks from our 2nd stoop window. Brother Jim was able to throw the rocket out our window after it came back into our room, but not before it exploded in his hand. Jon has been an incredible leader and BR and words could never express our friendship, trust, and brotherhood. His ideals, morals and standards have influenced me more than he may know. We have learned from each other. We've shared some of the best times and some really great ones and as I look back on there isn't another guy in the world I would have wanted to be as a friend. Jon would give you his shirt off his back for his car too. Jon has a certain charisma that just makes him "Jon". His quick-witted remarks still remain the same and I will never forget him. He is going into the Army as a Transpo. officer and I hope that one day we will be back at this so called VMI "experience", kick back with beer and laugh. I wish him the best of luck and know that he will make a hell of a Lieutenant, but as he would say "all I am going to do to worry about is where the generator is". Good luck "Boy" I am sure more times are to come!! -- Jason Gleason

Swimming-4, Cpl3, Mst, Sgt-2, GC0-1

ClG, Semper FI Society

Charlie rat 4; 3rd corporal 3; MSG 2; Hotel XC; ranger challenge 3; strength and fitness 3; Ac pro; Ring figure organizer 2; RDC 1; branch transportation

*Dyke Line
1998 - Eric Seaman
2004 - Matt Roscoe*



*Dyke Line
1998 - Terry Maguire
2004 - Brian Trueblood*



*Dyke Line
1998 - Pete Penbrooke
2004 - Josh Thompson, Harley Jennin*





R. Clay McVay
Louisia, VA

Mechanical Engineering ~ Army



Reocel M. Mercado
Oakland, California

Business & Economics ~ Army
Da Killer Rat, Death Ro, Corrie



Matthew W. Meyers
Issaquah, WA

International Studies ~ Army
Matty, Matt-tie, Panzer Meyer

Well, the time is now 2347 and if I don't get this one by 0800 tomorrow, I'm going to get boned! That's official, of VMI for sure. From the day that I matriculated here in 1995 to when I left to go to Ecuador in '97 returning in 1999 I've always loved this school. I love the teachers, the friends, the environment, the engineering, the army, the mountains, SVC, everything. Consider the class of '01 as my other BR class, us slow ME's have suffered enough ratlines over the years. I thank all the ME's for helping me get back on my feet after I got back. I love my family and my church. What more can I say? It's been a hoot, I'll never forget this place.

How do you describe Reocel Mercado? In a word, unbelievable, he went from Ro "Da Killer Rat" Mercado to the founder of the modern day Honor Court. Tough as nails and crazy like the fox, Ro has demonstrated what it means to be a true VMI man. He is the most unselfish person I know and truly knows what it means to sacrifice to achieve the goals he has set for himself.

Throughout his cadetship he has demonstrated compassion, integrity, and statesmanship. Never one to put himself above others, Ro has continuously reached above and beyond the call of duty to make this place a little more palatable. From the mean streets of Oakland to whatever your future holds, your legacy is already great. If there were ever a man I would want in the fighting hole next to me it would be you. Don't ever go quietly into the night, and can't leave anyone left standing. FLIM

As much as the torment, frustration, and grind of this place gets to me, after being suspended once and everything else, I keep coming back, and when I think of a reason why all I can come up with is that this place is all in all pretty damn funny. As much as I hate it when I'm here, VMI does have its moments and has become home the last few years, as frightening as that concept is. Friends make VMI, like Brady Daniels who was the first person I met here, Adam, Russ, and Mike of "Club S-15" fame, Dave, Ethan, Drew, and all my other friends and roommates over the years. I also thank Erin, Tenille, Kim, and my co-dyke Angela for always being there to talk to and visit. A paramount of thanks to Mom and Dad, who were always there for support in any number of crises that came up, as well as to my dyke Stefan Barr. Nutz, Beaker, and Rosco, you all have definitely been good Rats. It's easy to do nothing here and just get by, but we always appreciated your best. Take one step at a time, no matter how hard they are. "It takes a brave man to grab a tiger by the balls, but a hero to keep on squeezing." What a long strange trip it's been.

Ninth corporal 3, Rat challenge cadre 3, Marathon club president 3; Tau Beta Pi President 4; Marshall New Market Battalion Assistant S4 4; ME Cadet Assistant 1

1st Cpl., Master Sgt., 4th Class PVT Rat Challenge 3, FTroop 4-Life: YMI@VMI 4.3.21; Boxing Club 4, 3, 2; Porn king 4.3.21, Pyromaniac 2, Original Gangsta 4.3.21, Honor Court Assistant Prosecutor, Honor Court President

(4) Cold Steel Charlie Rat. (3) Kicked out, Charlie PVT (2) FTroop Cadre 1st PLT SGT (1) FTroop 2nd PLT LT Airborne, 2 Rat Challenge Cadre 1.2 Ranger Company 14 MA105/106 4.3.21

Dyke Line

1998 - Daniel Gibson

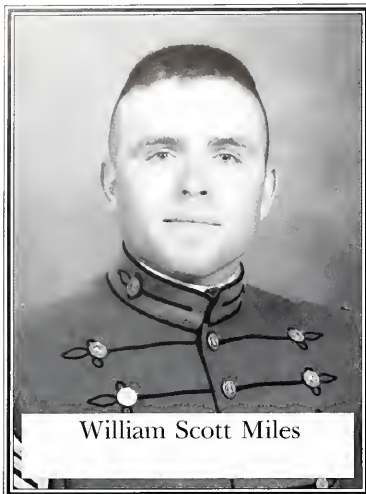
2004 - Roderick James, David Smit

Dyke Line

1998 - Stefan Barr

2004 - Kevin Strait, Geoff Peltier



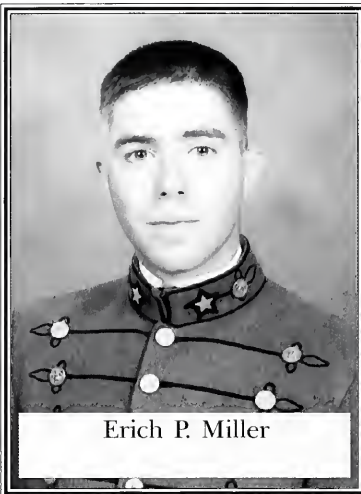


William Scott Miles

*Business & Economics ~ Marine Corps
The Body*

I have learned some very valuable lessons within these hallowed walls of barracks. One, things are not always what they appear to be. Two, people are not always what they appear to be, and lastly, no matter how hard you try to rationalize them, some things just don't make sense. One of the most popular questions that a Cadet gets from someone outside of the Institute is "Why did you choose VMI?" When I think about the answer...I see how much it has changed since Matriculation. We all came here for similar reasons, honor, challenge, academics, pride etc. But looking back, why did we stay? The personal relationships I have built here are the most valuable thing I take away from VMI. These people in my "circle of trust" have defined my cadetship, made it worthwhile, and kept me strong. I have learned as much from them as I have in lectures and I feel blessed having them in my life. Mike, while you remain here remember some of the lessons I taught you. Challenge yourself and make this place worthwhile. It is up to you! To my friends, Gentlemen, thank you for everything. We have had some great times. I hope that they continue even in the absence of Status checks, OCM's, and formations. John, good luck in the fleet. Semper Par. Kevin, you should have been a Marine. Have fun in Germany. Brad, and stay away from Atlantic City! "The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet." Aristotle

CPL 3, MSGT 2, LT 1, Commanders Jazz Band 4, 3, 21

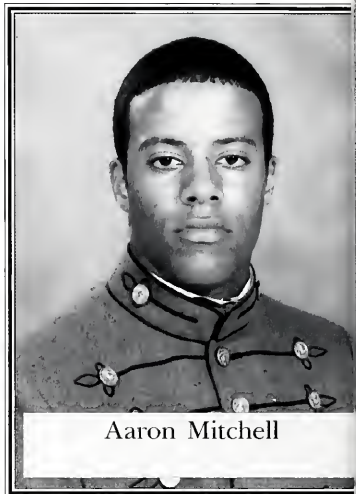


Erich P. Miller

*International Studies ~ Army
Ranger Miller, 'I only drink imports'*

What can I say about Erich Miller, VMI has not exactly treated him well. He has seen the horror this place holds within the four walls of barracks. He came to VMI with certain values with, which to live life by and is unquestionably honorable, religious, and dutiful. Here he held on to these values and applied them to a new environment, that is supposed to emulate these beliefs. Those who do not know him well may see his straightforward approach as harsh, but he is only living by what he holds dear. His goal has been to become an Army officer and to excel in academics, while of course staying in shape. A goal, which this May will be achieved and he can look back on his cadetship with a feeling of accomplishment and hopefully a few good times over German beer and trips like Mardi Gras and spring break. Erich take care and best of luck to you. Vic

Reg Band 4, 3, 2, 1 Ranger Challenge 3, 2, 1
Sondhurst 2 Ranger Co 3 Tanker Pit 4 Bugler 2, 1 CWRT
1 Inst. Brass 3 Wish I was at UT! 4, 3, 2, 1



Aaron Mitchell

Business & Economics ~ Navy

First and for most I want to thank my parents. I wasn't for them, I would of never considered going VMI. I still remember when you two told me to just apply...see what happens. I said hell no I'm not going to VMI. Dammit...now look of me. To my roommate John Kitt and Nick Richardson, if it wasn't for you guys being so sh%tly, I would have graduated with a 3. Oh well, maybe in grad school! To my two amigos good luck in what ever you do and let the memory of 273 on Q25 live for ever. To my rat, man... that God I got you and not Abey. Anyhow, keep your head in the game and always watch your back because you never know who's trying to grab your spotlight. Oh Yeah...And stop looking at them damn histories on the computer, you, Kitt, and ED have already started enough trouble. To the other rats Coope, Sk, Little Richie and yes you DaRon...yall do your thing next year and show your dyke Nick how to really represent VMI Basketball. To the GC, good luck and hold the Institute down. As for the rest of the corp, good luck in what ever comes in life and always remember: DON'T HATE THE PLAYA HATE THE GAME because I did mean to screw you with that sh%tly room or the unwanted roommate...O1 BABY! Fallen Soldiers: JC Mike, and Beas...To the Brothers, for only we can control our own destinies. Lastly, to the true love of my life (my wife)... Kendra baby, I'm coming home.





Andrew Modisett

Business & Economics ~ Army



Jim Morroc

History ~ Marine Corps



R. Cannon Moss

*Psychology ~ Special Student
Campbell's Soup Kid*

My time here at the "I" is almost over and I am still amazed that a country boy like me could go as far as I have. I'd like to thank all of those people who've helped me along the way and to be content with my barracks life, I praise those few special people who've actually made me happy. Mom and Dad, here I am—come along my way. To my dyke Chris, I owe a lot to you. Josh, P-funk, Ears, Seth, Matt and Ethan thanks for living with me. John and Whit you're my dream off and a couple of my closest friends. To rooms 3, 169, 185, 101, 109 and all of those other people I randomly visit and talk to, my thanks are to you for helping. I'd like to thank my one friend I made here who doesn't live in barracks—Danielle, you made this my best birthday I've celebrated to date and you showed me a happiness I thought was lost. I hope we remain friends for into the future and wish you happiness in life. Sandi, thanks for all of your help in everything. And finally, Ross you're a super rat—remember what I taught you and run with it. Granddaddy, and what you said—just wish you were here to see it.

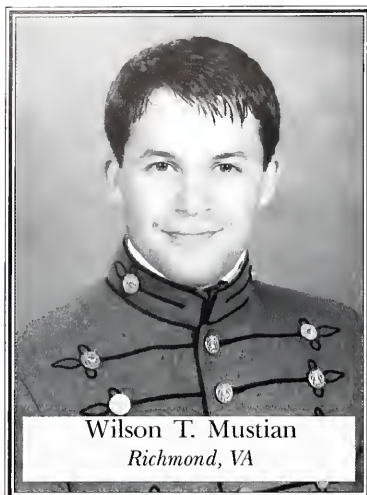
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Rat, rugby, alcohol number 1, 9 ½ hours in Rockbridge county jail, ASAP the hill, Dave, Drew, the Arab, and the spooky Frog - 3rd; University of Montana - snowboarding, partying, and the mythical 3 5 (why did I come back) - 2nd; rugby, confinement, a big ass ring, a car, the mountain, booze, shaved, and internet girls - 1st; rugby, a rat (Dumb child), CCS, Title IX, wall of shame, Trout's window, jizanz, more booze, pork chop platoon, the corps Santa, Cadet waiter, Cassie, Brandon, Chris, and Trout

Things I've learned: You CAN make it from Richmond to VMI in 1 hour and 45 minutes. Mind erasers at Travelers will make you chase gnomes through W & L. If you can't remember what a girl looks like don't invite her to come to a VMI football game because she will be ugly. When in pain, drink and drink heavily. You can never go out for just "one beer". Wait till your roommates asleep (Drew). ASAP classes are a great place to meet women. Brandon was the only roommate I didn't have to bail out. Pain heals, chicks dig scares, and glory lasts forever

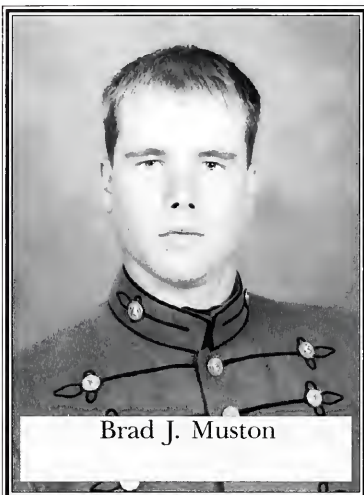
4 Brava Rat, 3 Brava 2nd Corporal, 2 Brava 1st Sergeant, 1 Regimental S-1 Captain; Airborne 3; Arrnor 1; AA 4,3,2; Big Red Club 41; Dean's list 4,3,2; "The Sims" regular patron 1; Country boy 4,3,2



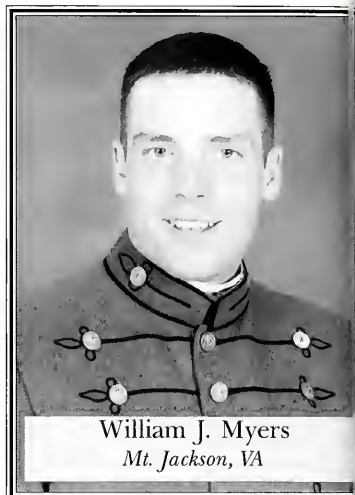


Wilson T. Mustian
Richmond, VA

English ~ Army



Brad J. Muston



William J. Myers
Mt. Jackson, VA

Civil Engineering ~ Air Force
Billy

No History Submitted

From the ancient holy city of yore, Mecca—Richmond, came Wilson from St. Christopher's—a casual Rat. Blessed... cursed, whatever, he is armed with an irrepressible smile that melted fair hearts, salved the sting of the icy stares of thirds, brought chuckles to the sternest of TACs, and helped earn him the most deserving honor—Brother Rat '01.

In retrospect, he realizes his bond with VMI was forged at birth (thanks to me), for his provisional appointment is dated Feb. 11, 1979—his birthdate.

His knowledge of history, appreciation of the English language (both written and spoken), and his innate understanding that a thought that is true is indeed art and a gift to all.

As we leave this pleasant abode, made more so by Wilson, may the world know him as he will ever be a knowledgeable, educated gentleman of VMI '01.

—Tom Mustian '65

"We few, we happy few, we band of brothers; for he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother." —Shakespeare, *Henry V*

"Solamen miseris socios habuisse doloris." —Marlowe, *Dr. Faustus*

Many things come to mind when summarizing what I have obtained in my cadetship at VMI. Leadership, friendships, and character. As John Wooden once said, "Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there." This quote best describes the enthusiasm that I have acquired from VMI. After arriving on August 18, 1997 to the unforgettable sound of the drumbeat, I knew I was in for the challenge of my life. Many obstacles were overcome, a Rat between balancing academics, a NCAA sports, Band, and endless hours of polishing shoes. Third class year, as the saying goes, "Thirds eat s**t!" Second class year moved me into NEB where laughing with Alayus was the only cure to academic downing. Ring Figure was the best and will never be forgotten. Finally, as a first classman, I could see the light at the end of the tunnel. From my life here, I will never forget the small positive achievements that have overcome all the negative ones. I will cherish the friends I have made here forever. Lastly, I would like to thank my entire family. If it weren't for you all, I would never be where I am today. I love each and every one of you.

Private: 4, 3, 21. Charlie Co.: 4, 3, 21. Charlie Co. OGA: 1. E.I.C. Sounding Brass: 3, 21. TGMS: 4, 3, 21. English Society: 3, 21. C.R.B.: 3. Virginia Program of Oxford: 1. The Code: 3, 2. Rugby: 4. Intramurals: 1. Frat Row: 1. Miggie: 21.

Dyke Line

1998 - Travers Clemons, Tim Trant

2004 - Harrison Gregory



Blood-Thirsty Band Co (Private) 4, 3, 2, 1. Pep Band: 4, 3. VMI Commanders 2, 1. Eagle Scout Association: 4, 3, 2, 1. American Society of Civil Engineers 4, 3, 2, 1. VMI Varsity Tennis 4. Intramurals 3, 2, 1. Ski Club 3, 1. Big Red 3, 2.

Dyke Line

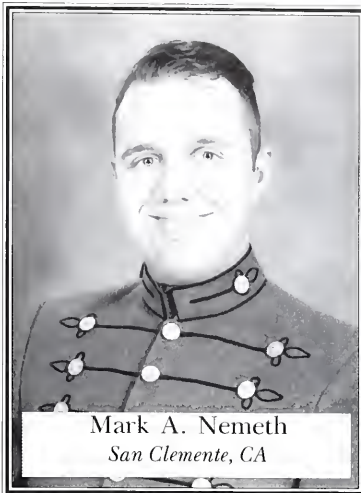
1998 - Ed Williams

2004 - Chris Johnson, John Pontiff

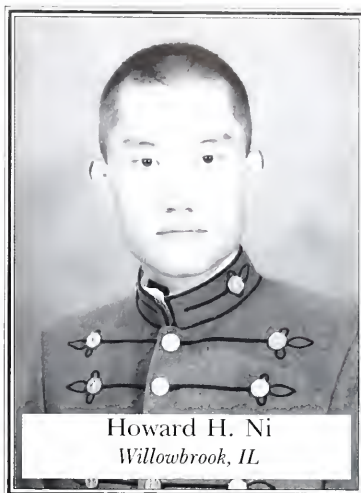




David R. Nagel
Atlanta, GA



Mark A. Nemeth
San Clemente, CA



Howard H. Ni
Willowbrook, IL

International Studies ~ Army

Computer Science ~ Air Force
The Pimp, Da Boss

History ~ Army

Jumping to a pull up bar, missing, falling on his head, while choking on a jolly rancher and landing in the hospital, during his rat year, who else but Dave Nagel? He goes all out in everything he tries. "I'm not interested in doing what's popular," he's said countless times, never afraid to speak his mind-several GC sendups all attest to that. He's a leader, RDC prez-with acers- friendly to everyone, but won't hesitate to let you know if you're doing something wrong (including the Commandant). He has personal convictions, and by them-defends his friends to the death. Offers kind words to his enemies, and for this kindness along with his quest to do what's right, they can't stand him. The hardest worker here despite some thankless, selfish BRs and rats. Giving the '04 mass the hardest ratline on record, with the most sweat parties, pop runs, rdc meetings. I pity the rats that are currently enduring his love for life and mission to make the toughest and best rats to come through VMI. I've been one of those rats, and I know how rewarding it is to be pushed beyond what you thought you could achieve and reach his approval- Ecc. 49-12 M

To describe four years of VMI in such a short space is a crime. Yet, taking for granted all the joy and pain, public speeches and private colorful metaphors, I sum up with these words I once wrote to a pre-strain...

"To sum up: You decide on VMI. You come to VMI. You get yelled at. You get no sleep (except in class). You lose your girlfriend and your buds. You realize that you have a brain tumor and that is why you came in the first place. You go home for breaks and are known as the freak with no hair. One day you go up a very muddy hill and almost freeze to death. You are then seen as a human and no longer a freak. You spend three more years trying to convince everyone else of this. You graduate and then you get the great job, the women, the money and all the free food from the mess hall that you want."

And now for my legacy. To my roommate Trey, I leave the promise of "Hickman and Nemeth"; the soon to be world famous law firm. To my rat Michael, I leave barracks for you to command. You're the Pimp now. Wear the title with pride. And to all my other loyal subjects...Live life to it's fullest, Carpe Diem, dance and laugh and sing...just don't get caught.

No History Submitted

7th cpl, mist Sgt., RDC prez, infirmural bball, club football, strength and fitness club

Glee Club 4,3,2,1; Soloist 1; Jordan House Crew (Founder and President) 4,3,2,1; S-5 tour guide 3; Coordinator of VMI community service 1, Pre-Law Society 2; VMI Theatre 4,3,2; Vice President 2

Dyke Line
1998 - Gardner Mundy
2004 - Matt Shomo

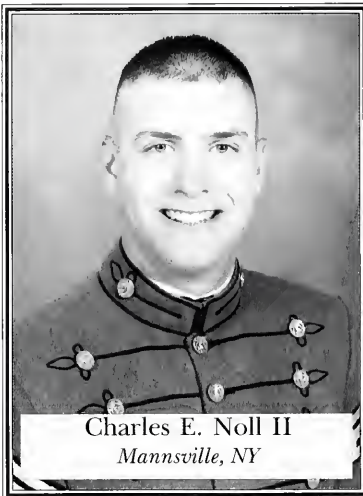
Dyke Line
1998 - Russ Sweitzer
2004 - Mike Hopper





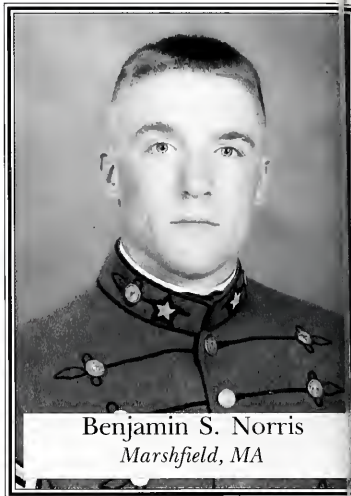
John H. J. Niederhaus
Souderton, PA

Physics ~ Army



Charles E. Noll II
Mannsville, NY

History ~ Army



Benjamin S. Norris
Marshfield, MA

International Studies ~ Army

John Henry Niederhaus—the man, the myth, the legend. But the cadet we all know and admire today wasn't always this way. The first time I met John was in MH 356 (a room all physicists know and hate). He had spent the last 5 years of his life isolated from the world as a home schooled, and it showed. Early on I learned to approach John very slowly, and to ask as few questions as possible at one time. John looked like a physicist. But in four years, there have definitely been some changes. John went from a spaz-rat to a studious third (with "the machine") and from a knuckle-busting second to a first with a bad case of senioritis. These four years have been awesome John, we've struggled through the same classes (one of us struggling a little more), we've had more conversations about the most random stuff one could imagine and we both look like we are actually going to graduate...on time! John, there is absolutely no nicer or more intelligent guy in all of barracks and it has been an honor to know for the past four years. I look forward to seeing where our lives take us in the future. And remember, "you can't hug your kids with nuclear arms".

When I came to VMI I was unsure if this was the place I wanted to go. Matriculation Day was the first time I'd ever been to VMI since I was a kid. My Mother gave me a choice that day. I could stay or I could go. I decided to stay, and though I've questioned that decision more than a couple times during my four years here, I've never regretted it. When I look back on the past four years, the Rat Line, the gloom of 3rd class year, Ring Figure, and 1st class year, I only remember the good times. The bad times just seem to fade away and I think that's what really matters. No matter how much I've cursed this place and complained about being here, I know that I'm glad that I came here. The friends I've made here will last a lifetime. Rich I know next year is going to be painful, but you can make it. Semper Fi. Charlie the best of luck to you in the Navy. To the Rats of 1910 I hope you go through all the joy and pain I did. Good-bye VMI.

I came to VMI not really knowing what to expect, wondering what the future would hold. Surprisingly I am leaving much the same way. There are many people who have become close friends who I want to thank: Anthony and Scott, Dave, Aaron, Brian, Drew, Steve and Triki. Scott and Anthony, don't know how you guys put up with me for four years, especially my snoring, but I couldn't have asked for better roommates. I have so many memories, from hugging apples into the second class parking lot as freshmen, to seeing Aaron drunk for the first time, they are memories I will always remember, and believe it or not I think I will miss after I'm gone. I also want to thank my mom and dad, for always believing in my dreams and goals and never making me feel like I couldn't achieve them, knowing that you two were always there for me helped me through more than you know in the past four years. I especially want to thank Dawn. She has been the motivation for me to keep an optimistic attitude in this place, knowing that leaving here meant the beginning of our lives together. Thanks everyone for being a part of my life that will never be forgotten.

Track/XC 4.3,21; Bd. 4.3,21; Bugle 3.21; SGT 2; OGA 1; Tutor 3.21; Brass qtet 1; Club 228; S-45 Gym

Rat Challenge 4.3 Rat 4 PVT 3 SGT 2 Firecop XO 1 Army ROTC 4.3,21 RDC 1

CPB 1, 1st SGT 2nd, CO-1st; Cadres 2nd, 1st; Pov. lifting 1; Deans list 4.3,21; phi-eta-sigma 3; ac stars 3; Iron man 2; ranger company 3; Army ROTC 4.3,21 (commissioning); 3 year Army advanced designee scholarship; exchange program, Norwich University.

Dyke Line

1998 - Brian J. Pearson

2004 - Justin Bierens, Mark Hamilton



Dyke Line

1998 - Henry Ehr Gott

2004 - Jake Fauber, Justin Abbinante

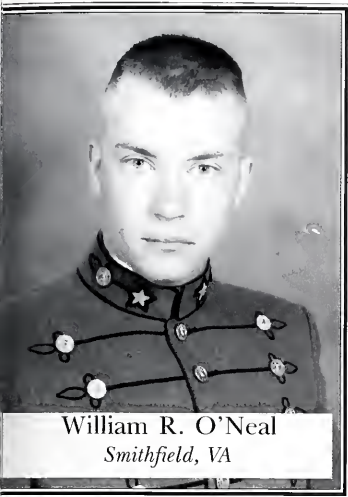


Dyke Line

1998 - Brandon Bissell

2004 - Maurice Pipkin





William R. O'Neal
Smithfield, VA

International Studies ~ Army



David T. Oliver
Mt. Dora, FL

*Business & Economics ~ Army
Twist*



Songho Pak
Chesterfield, VA

*Business & Economics ~ Army
2Pak, Beat, "P", Gary*

I want to thank God for my roommates, brother, and for bringing me to VMI. I also want to thank God for letting me meet my fiancé while I was here. I want to thank my parents for paying for my expenses for all those trips overseas. I want to thank my friends for helping me make it through rat year. I want to thank my rats for rolling my hay and doing my massive loads of laundry. My experience at VMI has been something that I can never replace. Ranger Challenge and Sandhurst helped me push my physical limits. I have been privileged to live in this environment of discipline and honor. I'm off to become an infantry officer and apply what I learned from Maj. T. SGM Neel, MSG Stinnett, SFC Turner, and Capt. Jackson. Now that I'm graduating I can't wait to get married. I love you Leslie. -WRO

Rob, I would have never made it through the toughest times at this place without you. We had some pretty bad times together and pulled some crazy pranks. You always kept a smile on your face, even through the toughest times and never let anyone get you down. You truly know what it means to be a brother rat and a man of honor. -PWH

You do not realize how hard it is to write about your best friend until you have to. Twist is one of those friends that will be there no matter what. Even when I was gone for a year, Twist would write me and keep in touch. I am not sure if his rats realize how lucky they are to have him as their dyke. Well, as graduation grows closer, I realize that for all the hell VMI is I would do it all over again because of the friends that I made here. I especially mean Twist. You have become a brother to me and no matter what ever happens that will always be true. TOPO. Well, these four years that everyone back home keeps telling you "have flown by" are coming to a close. The night before my dykes graduated, one of them sat with me at 3am and explained that your friends are the only reason to stay at VMI. Truer words were never spoken in ghetto corner. I've had a support network that's left me with no other option than to do my best. I've just tried to stay positive in an overly negative environment and my friends and family have made that a much easier task. So as I bid goodnight to VMI, I can only say, "later it occurs to me, what a long, strange, trip it's been."

First and foremost, I want to thank God for helping me through this journey of hell. Thanks to my parents for supporting me and putting up with my crap. Finally, to the one who has had to put up with all the complaining and being so patient with...my girl...DA POOCH!

Hmmm... I'm glad I finally get to leave this school. Nothing will be missed but my friends, especially my '01 Delta Dawgs. You guys are the best! Joe "White Chocolate" and Dave "BIG NIPS", good luck with your lives and let's start making some money. It's been great knowing you guys. Chris and John: work hard, finish 3rd and 2nd class years and then you'll have the right to talk S**T. Rat year is a joke compared to those years. To the losers and geeks here at school, I'm glad I get to be far, far away from you guys and girls. The 4 years have been interesting, and I'm glad I get to leave. I've met all kinds of people and got to know them well. They should be privileged to have got to know the biggest, and diesel asian in their life. ME much love to all my friends, and GOD bless. PEACE!!!!

Ranger Co. 1,2,3,4; Ranger Challenge 2,3; Rat Challenge 4; Sandhurst Team 2; Military History Club 1,2; Chess Club 2; Model Arab League 1,2; Morocco 2,3,4; Palestine, Israel, and Jordan 3; Engaged 1.

PVT 4,3,2,1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; AC Stars 2,1; Cadet Waiter 4,3,2,1; National Guard 3,2,1; Students In Free Enterprise 3,2,1; Tutor 1; Ghetto 4,1; Had a Pretty Good Time 4,3,2,1

Rat Year, Intramurals 3rd; Corporal, Intramurals, SIFE 2nd; PLT SGT, Intramurals, SIFE 1st; FIRST CLASS PVT, RDC "Delta Co."; SIFE, Intramurals, Strength & Fitness

Dyke Line

1998 - Brian Lyerly, Brad Arnold
2004 - Emanuel Ciudadreal



Dyke Line

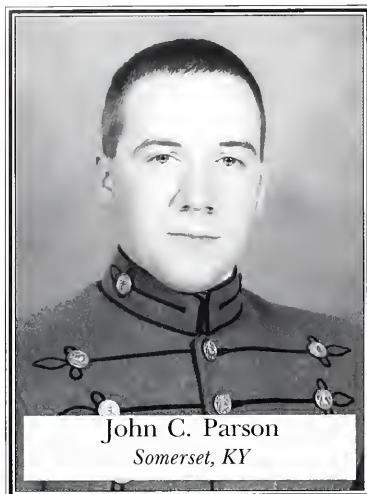
1998 - Tom Butler
2004 - Brian Gallagher



Dyke Line

1998 - Sean Williams
2004 - John Berg, Chris Richman





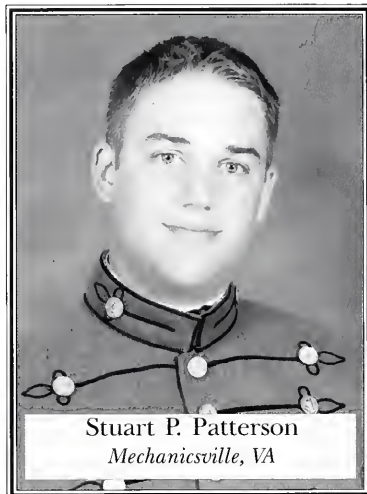
John C. Parson
Somerset, KY

*Business & Economics ~ Army
PFunk*

John arrived at VMI from Kentucky and the joke just rolled in. He was an outgoing cadet. John joined the swim team and complained about practice for the last four years but he really enjoyed the competition. He earned the respect of his classmates by not being afraid of getting dirty, letting loose and giving respect where it was deserved.

John a.k.a Funk was not the best student in the class but his attitude towards academics never failed to produce the grade necessary to squeak by. Often times he would have to stay up to finish a paper or study for an exam that conflicted with his extracurricular activities. Half of the time it was athletics and the other half was wine, women, and song.

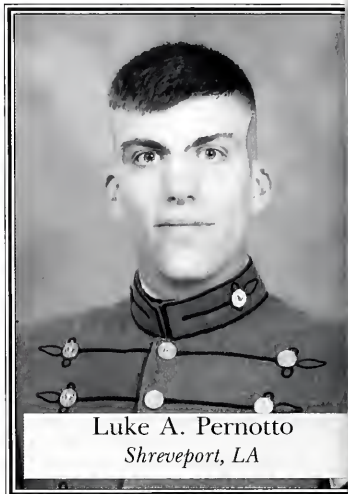
The Army lured him into its ranks. He will have no problem adjusting to the lifestyle after VMI. Funk branched Field Artillery, hopefully he will not drop bombs on his BRs. The future wide open, only John knows what he will do. I would like to say to Mr. and Mrs Parson "your boy done good".



Stuart P. Patterson
Mechanicsville, VA

Civil Engineering ~ Army

Mom and Dad - Thank you so much for all of your love, support, and encouragement these past four years. Brian - Thanks for showing me what not to do at VMI. Seriously you are a great brother and a good friend. Noelle - Being apart from you made it harder to be at this place except for those couple of times I snuck you in to spend the night. Jack Daniels - Thanks buddy, you really helped me out my first class year. Phil - Thanks for making me laugh, I swear the funniest thing I ever saw was you tripping over the chain on the parade ground. B.J. - Thanks for putting up with all of my crap, I know it wasn't easy. John - Even though you were a big regimental guy you were the chilliest person I have ever lived with, except the time you got a hold of that sledgehammer. Connor - By far the nicest guy I have ever known, you were my partner in crime many a nights along with Evan W. and Jack D. Andrew - I could not have asked for a better rat. Thanks for being there in the mornings with my clothes in hand. I would have never found my hat without you. O.D. - Shut up. Thank you Lord for getting me through this I know you were with me all the way.



Luke A. Pernotto
Shreveport, LA

*History ~ Marine Corps
Mothership*

I came to VMI from the real south without any idea what I was doing. I knew I wanted a small military school but other than that I was clueless. As I look back I realize that I could have done so much more but I also had a great deal of opportunities to learn from my failures. I believe I learned the most from failing. I changed majors because I was about to fail Calculus. I went to Spain and was able to get English Minor because I failed Spanish. The two number ones along with the rest of the nearly two year confinement taught me patience and character. E my jack ass dyke gave me determination, and I one of the two of his five rats to graduate. Thank mom, dad and the rest of the Pernotto Clan. Thanks to my rat roommates, we made it and none of us in body bags. Jeff, Scotty, Carl "good stick", Nick "Bart", "Bux", Terry, Ben, Mike, and my neighbors: 132 roomates, and the DMZ Rats Michael, Josh "Hu", Russell, and Ben "Rock". "Make fun of everything, except death."

Swim Team captain 4,3,23; AAAA 4,3,24; Ring figure committee 2; First class virgin private

Wrestling 4,3 Fat 21

Golf Co. 4,3,21 GC #1 4, Alcohol #1 3, Never got special 21 Company Clerk 3, Busted 3, Private 2, Private 1, Bulldog 2, Never took a weekend 4,3,2, Never had a social life 4,3,21, On confinement during parade weekend 4,3,2

Dyke Line
1998 - Tyler Shelbert, Josh Brown
2004 - Scott 'Old Man' Campbell



Dykes
1998 - Brian Culver
2004 - Andrew (Randall) Cunningham



Dyke Line
1998 - Michael Runyan, Torrence Rogers
2004 - Michael McHugh





Jonathan R. Pettry
Big Stone Gap, VA

Business & Economics ~ Army



Nicholas R. Pohoresky
Richmond, VA

*Business & Economics ~ Navy
Poho*



Nicholas M. Pomaro
Long Island, NY

Business & Economics ~ Marine Corps

John is many things to many people and it didn't take long into our Rat year for his natural leadership capacity to set in; evidenced by his attaining an Army Scholarship, making deans list, and being the first rat to be an 'authorized' weekend. It didn't stop there and third class year we took our place in the curious quartet completed by Sam LaNeave and Ryan Welsh. Four of us had the uncanny ability to make the barracks of VMI a little more bearable. John of course was busy with cadre, Army homework, and a friend so the fact that Ryan, Sam and I didn't do anything balanced things out. Following a break from things like rank and freedom thanks to a number one, moved up to Master Sergeant. Second class year brought an unforgettable ring figure, some classes that were better forgotten, and Jimmy Buffett to see us though it all (even parties on the ski slopes). As a First classman, John proved his maturity and doggedness in leading the corps and serving as a living example of a VMI three-legged stool. John is an incredible individual who will no doubt succeed in life. We wish you luck and anticipate the best!

Nick has been one of the best dykes a rat could ever have. We have had a lot of crazy psychedelic times together (i.e. the night of 8). Although he doesn't work the 29 rats out physically, for one he has had the hardest financial and custodial ratline ever. He has been a friend to me during one of the more trying times of my life. Nick lives down in "Frat Row" with his roommates Jimmy Epps who matriculated at VMI before I knew how to read or write, Jarrett Blevins who we all pray doesn't kick our ass, Andrew Dannenberger who is one of the most easy-going and "chill" cadets at VMI, and Ronnie Gupta who, let's just say, is "having a good time". Nick would also like to thank his friends, family, and girlfriend, Danielle, for everything they have done for him over the years.

Coming from New York, Nick traveled far from home in August of '97. He brought with him a dedication and level of intensity that those close to him would admire. Those who weren't would still use the words to define his character. His dedication and commitment was apparent from the start, and lasted throughout, despite setbacks of the less than encouraging times of his cadetship. Although a private all four years, he maintained his high standards, carrying the company guidon with shoes and brass shined to the equal of any Cadet Captain. His love for the Marine Corps brought him to take on added responsibilities within both the Corps of Cadets and the NROTC Unit. He approached each task aggressively, with a level of dedication and attention to detail not often seen at VMI. His friends knew him as always willing to help, and always ready to have a good time. As he prepares to leave the "I" and faces commissioning in the Marine Corps, we know he will do so with the same aggression, intensity, and discipline with which he performed his duties as a Cadet. We wish him the best of luck and look forward to seeing him in the Fleet. *Semper Fidelis.*

Power Lifting 4; Pre Law Society 3,21; Class Treasurer 4,3,21; Big Red Club 45; Phi Eta Sigma 4,3,21; Cpl 3; Rat Challenge Cadre 31; Water Polo 1; Dean's List/Ac. Stars

Bulldog Plt 3,21; Cadet Battery 4,3,2; Firefighter 4,3,21; Glee Club 4,3,21; Little John II 21; Ranger Company 1; T-GS: 4,3,2

Dyke Line

1998 - Paul Sakellariou
2004 - Joe Sickler (Sideshow)



Dyke Line

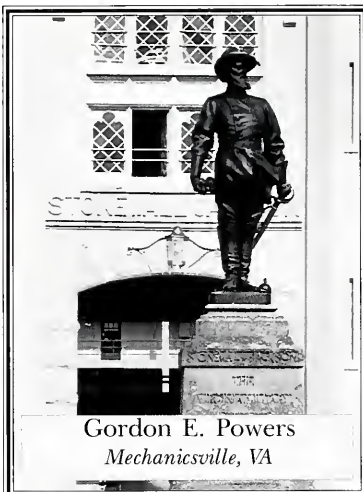
1998 - John Morris
2004 - Tom Brodowski, Rich Lalomia





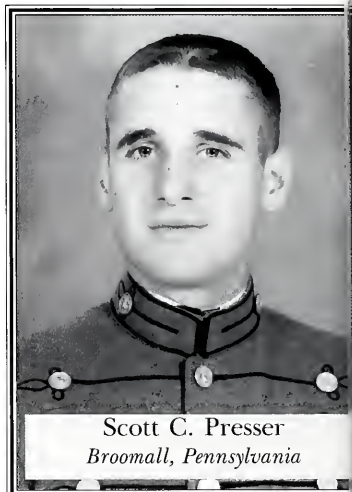
Eric R. Poole
Abingdon, VA

International Studies ~ Marine Corps



Gordon E. Powers
Mechanicsville, VA

History ~ Army



Scott C. Presser
Broomall, Pennsylvania

International Studies ~ Army

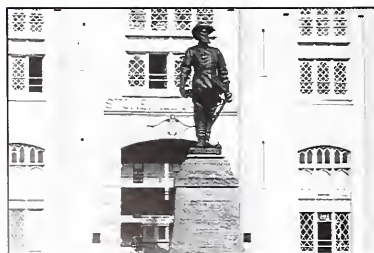
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Finally, it is all over, what can I say but I know what is the road less traveled. Luckily, there were some great times and guys who helped me get by, except you Ward, DIE. I can't wait to represent Dave G's band in the upcoming decade. Cory, remember what you promised me after you make all your money. I figure, enough said. Who to pick, Jamie or Scott? Maybe a R.L.F in Spain. Room 101, the codykes of the house of pain. But who will salute me in M? Where did Roger go? Kenny, is Woody ever going to catch you? Is it "X" night? To all the rats in room 101, you all were great and will always be my Timmy. Remember to watch your "Friends" and listen to Cretney Hey Jarrett, are we here, there or everywhere here? Mom, Dad and Dave thanks for all of your support, I love you guys, but Dave you never got kicked out, guess I win. Everyone else who I ran out of room for, love all you guys and good games to you all. Nothing but Charlie Company love, Special thanks to Col. Dickson and my grandfather, two of the greatest men I know and admire above all others.

9th corp 3, 1st plf guide 2, Jewish CIC 1, Club 3, cer 3-2, Army S-4 1, Charlie Comp Rat Challenge 1d 1, S-5 tour guide 4-2, Airborne School 3.

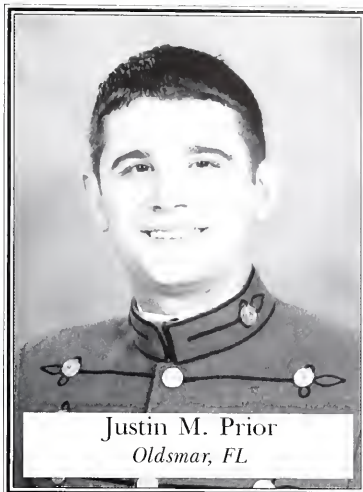
Dyke Line
1998 - Matt Staten
2004 - Jarrett Brown





William P. Prible
Virginia Beach, VA

International Studies ~ Army
Billy, Billy-Bob



Justin M. Prior
Oldsmar, FL

International Studies ~ Army
Rich, Sh!t Talker



Matthew J. Prokop
Winterville, NC

Civil Engineering ~ Army

Before I hand this over to friends to write I want to have the opportunity to thank those who supported me through the years. I am especially indebted to my parents, mumsy and pap, for all the driving they did those early Saturday mornings and for their love. My siblings, thanks for believing in me and for the support. And lastly, to my buds at VMI, I just want to thank you for being my best friends in life and the fact that thing is, life's just beginning! Love you all. Billy

His "friends": Well, apart from the fact that he calls them "mumsy", Billy is a guy of guys, dependable and funny as hell. I am truly grateful to have him as a friend, and know that it will last a lifetime. Juhkala

Well, Billy and I have had a great time in our adventures. We managed to get into a little trouble and the process learned a lot about VMI and ourselves, but it simply without a true friend like Billy my life just would not have been the same. He made the place bearable and was always there when I needed him most. Jim Morroe

"You're done!" that was a familiar phrase to all of us as rats, now it has a more special meaning. Since we are at the end it may be helpful to look at the beginning. The journey started off with just Sean and I. After the 3rd class room debacle we picked up John and it all clicked. Looking back VMI has taught me more than I ever thought that it could but it gave special meaning to the quote "never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups". Anyway, the years flew by and I have had so many cool stories to sit on a barstool and ramble on about. There was the gun running in Florida, countless visits to a school that will remain nameless, South Phillies, the Palms, women (this could be a book to itself) and countless other chapters yet to be written. The one constant in all of these tales has been two of the best friends a guy could ask for, you know who you are. I just wanted to say thanks to a few more people before I go, to my parents who have always been supportive of me and my brothers who accepted the fact that their brother went to a crazy school in Virginia. It means more than you could imagine

No History Submitted

Big Red Club 3.21 (president); Delta Company First Sergeant Private 1; Rat Challenge Lt. 1; Foreign Affairs Club; Gentry Society 21 (VP); Blood Donor 4.3.21; Germany 3; Road Runners 2; Fencing 3; VMI tour guide 4.3

Swimming 4.3

Dyke Line

1998 - Brian Neale

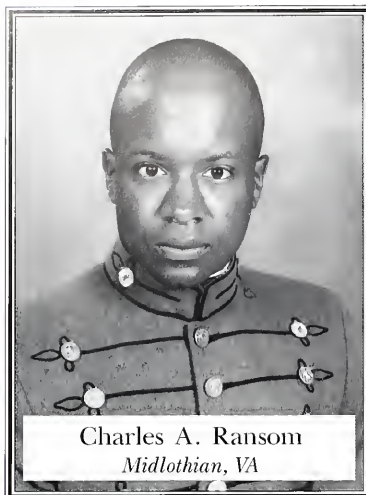
2004 - Joe "Squirrelly" Rubin

Dyke Line

1998 - Brady Gallagher

2004 - Joe Cuthbertson





Charles A. Ransom
Midlothian, VA

Computer Science ~ Air Force
Give me back my son!

First of all, I would like to thank God for giving me the strength to endure this place for four years and to my parents for their sacrifice and encouragement. Without them this experience would not have been possible. I would often ask myself would I do it all over again if I had the chance. Well, even though at times I felt like I couldn't see the light at the end of the tunnel, that no matter how hard I worked things just didn't seem to go my way, I would have to say it was definitely worth it. I don't think at any other school I would have met the challenges that I faced here, challenges that taught me a lot about myself, and made me a stronger person. The only regret that I have is that I didn't laugh and smile a lot more.

To my roommates Ra, Frank, and Kuku, I don't think I could have picked a better group of guys to live with. Even though we had our differences at times, I will never forget you guys. You guys will always be in my prayers and I hope that we always stay in touch. To the rest of my friends: my Air Force crew, my F Troopers, Ghetto Corner, Joe, Pak, Dave, Kyle, The GC., and everyone else who knew me, I wish it didn't have to end. And to Rat John Jones, don't listen to the cynical VMIs what you make of it! Don't compromise what you think is right or wrong just to be liked! Have fun! And always remember the most important thing you're going to take from this place: a diploma!

GC: Vice President 4, 3, 2, 1; 2nd Cpl. 3; 3rd Plt. Sgt. 2; Pvt. 1; Rat Challenge Cpl. 3; Library Assistant 3,2; 5/2 4, 3, 2, 1; Institutionalized Forever

Dyke Line
1998 - Ernesto Sampson
2004 - John Jones



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S. Parker Reeves
Roanoke, VA

History ~ Marine Corps
Tater, Self-Proclaimed DS-9000 Leader

In the beginning, we were just a bunch of stupid Rats. And then it came to pass: the birth of Gotel, the New Barracks Ninjas, the Milk Taast Mafia, Yan Can Cook, Dart Art, and L.A. Bandits, from *El Taco Revolucines!*, to the Dark Squad. To the founding fathers, thank you for the best laughs of my life. DS-9000 is no doubt my proudest accomplishment at VMI., from water balloons and tuna to the pizza boxes and creatine bottles, we got the word out. Who said there were no secret societies here? Hey Jim, we finally got it right at the sunset grille, and then we had Fred. From the rock, to Wal-Mart, and our brief career at grand theft auto, you were always there. Thanks for putting up with me and being as crazy as I am. Hen, thank you for being the best sport ever, I would have never made it without you, you know you love me. Lando my son, thanks for being the Rat I wanted. Dirty, Mr. Ed, Chuck, Snake, don't ever change. Hey Harb, why not? We all went through some hard times and some hard women, but we sure did give everyone else a really hard time. You can still hear the corps saying, "who are those guys?" To all my dorks, *May the force be with you!*

Rat Challenge: 3,2; Hotel CIC: 1
Rank: Cpl. 3
Bulldog, 2
DS-9000 3,21

Dyke Line
1998 - Max Krumpke
2004 - Landon "Tinklepuss" Winklevoss



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Nicholas C. Richardson
Charlotte, NC

Psychology ~ Army

First at I would like to thank my mother and God, the two biggest reasons for me escaping hell. I can truly say that I am going to heaven, because I have already been to hell. I wish the team the best of luck. Hope things turn out better. To the virgin game crew, been real. Our once rats, D-ray, Coop, Richie, TJ, and even Daron and Abey who spent 1 year in here, good luck. You guys were straight this year, maintain and represent G25. To Klitt, the best of luck. It's been a good ride, and we had fun. Aaron, good luck, marriage is a big step, and you made it. Hope Force works out. Thanks Donnie and Ray, you've been real in helping get out, much love. To Dub and Nick, been real, miss the trouble we always got in, sorry for being late and stuff. I'm out of this \$5%.

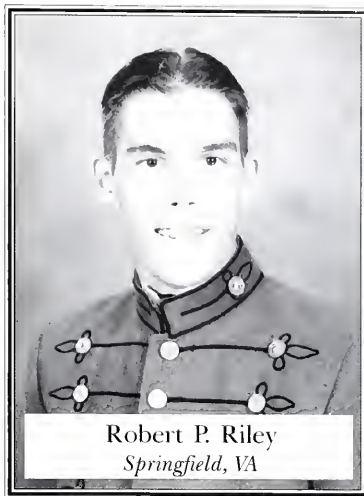
Dyke Line
1998 -
2004 -





Christopher S. Riley
Poquoson, VA

Business & Economics ~ Army



Robert P. Riley
Springfield, VA

Business & Economics ~ Army
Rilo, Ragbat, Double R



Michael C. Roberts
Winchester, VA

Biology ~ Air Force

No History Submitted

Well... what to do now? I can't say that I'll miss this place because I know I definitely won't. But sadly enough VMI has been my home for the past four years. I came here for baseball and that's all I've really cared about. From 451 to the 'daja' at 373 then to the con-course for 2 years I guess I've been able to slip through the cracks and stay out of the commandant's office just enough to survive here.

I've grown up some, learned a little, partied a bunch, gotten away w/ a few things, gotten caught a couple of times, and made some of the best friends anyone could ask for.

To all my true friends who have survived this struggle, good luck wherever your lives take you... look me up and let me know where you are.

Mom & Dad... thank you. I know I would've never made it had you not been there for me. I owe you everything. You are the best and I love you.

BaseCo... keep playing hard and your time will come. Cat, Rilo, Schattie and Calvin; it's been a wild ride with some fun times on and off the field. I'll never forget you guys.

Now that this chapter of my life is coming to a close I hope to see ya'll in the next one. "PLACT" "I.H.T.E.P. Peace, I'm outta here."

First of all I would like to thank my parent's for all the support they have given me over the last four years. You two have been great. "THANK YOU" If there is one person who has made VMI bearable that is Erika. She has stuck with me through all the \$H!T VMI has handed out and if it wasn't for her I don't think I would still be here. (I don't know if that is good or bad?) Finally, to my friend's here at the "I" it has been great.

VMI has been an adventure I will never forget. It has opened my eyes to many new possibilities. I have learned how to deal with unexpected and unwanted surprises. I think I have learned how to make the system work for me.

To Mike—Now that there will be neither any more mid-day naps nor late-night fights:

I can't think of any farewells or empty wishes, but I do have my hope for you. Life is not easy, but when life is harsh it is also interesting. Welcome the unexpected. Keep your back straight and on the bounce. Respect authority, but also question authority. Terry

Baseball 4.3.21 AcPro 4.3.2 Summer School 3.21
Big Red Club 4.3.21 Private 4.3.21

'99-00 VMI Search and Rescue Team; '97-01 Eagle Scout Association; '00-01 Triathlon Club; '00 Manager of Women's Soccer Team; '99-00 Pre-Allied Health Society; 5th CPL

Dyke Line
1998 -
2004 -



Dyke Line
1998 - Jon Hamilton
2004 - Allen Kent, Josh Owens



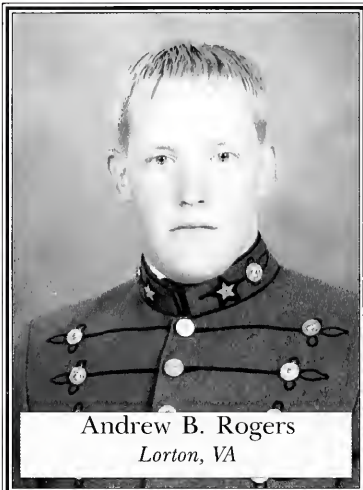
Dyke Line
1998 - John Getgood
2004 - Ben Harris





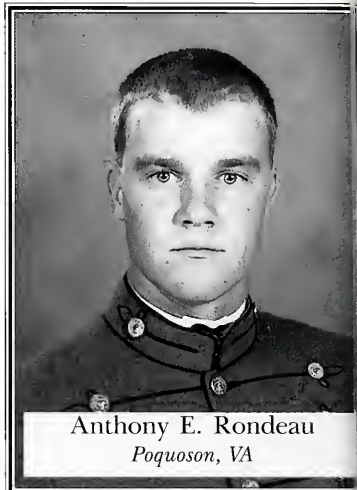
Christopher W. Rodgers
Mobile, AL

Civil Engineering ~ Army



Andrew B. Rogers
Lorton, VA

Computer Science ~ Army



Anthony E. Rondeau
Poquoson, VA

Civil Engineering ~ Army

I don't even know where to begin. I came to this place with many expectations, and it did not take long to realize that all these expectations would change. I came here expecting myself to join the military, and that changed. My whole perspective on the school changed, and I hope that one day I will understand its purpose. I come here expecting to make good friends, and that certainly changed. I made more than just good friends, I made great friends. They are friends that I will keep for a lifetime, and I couldn't ask for more from them. Y'all know who you are, we had some good times in the worst of places. 108, can it get any REDer? Thanks to my Mom and Sister, you were both there always to support me. Your visits and constant mail made this place seem not so bad. Mom, thanks for picking up the bill. I Love you both. Nat, thanks for listening to my constant complaints. I love you, you made this place more livable, and you made some great memories with Ring Figure and Homecoming....\$90 hunting license didn't see a thing but the flyin'squirrel, 1st ever seen armadillo (raccoon) in Chesapeake, Va, it croaked that night. Fishin, Dialpad, Muscles.

Three years I have lived with Andy, and well, I can't think about what to say, but I have had many good times with him. I admire his loyalty to his girlfriend, Katie. Being committed to someone for seven years plus is one of the biggest attributes anyone can have. Andy is pretty involved here. Rugby president, MNMBN S-1, cadet waiter, parade announcer, he pretty much does it all. If you know him, you know that when it comes to being shined up or organizing his room, he really just doesn't care. I could never figure that out, but he made it. I know he will make a great officer. Good luck, Andy. -KLA

As is my style, I'm writing this the night before it's due...despite the fact that I've had a month. I'm lucky to have been blessed with the best family in the world. I love you and couldn't have done this without you. Katie, we made it! It was tough, but it couldn't stop us. Nathan and the rest of the "Ghetto Rats," I'm always a phone call away. I'm proud of you all. To my friends, you know who you are, you are the only thing I'll miss about this place. Keep in touch. "Let's face it, the time is upon us." - Mighty Mighty Bosstones

It took me four years here to realize that Parker is a Marine. Phil really is smart he just talks dumb and that it weren't for my friends here I would have never made it. My really good friends are a select few but you have all helped me through what has been the toughest of many changes in my life. Thanks to Ben, Scott, Phil and Parker. Mike, maybe one day I'll have time to tell you everything you have taught me through the way you handled the crap this place dealt you. Thanks. Mom, it would be an understatement for me to say I wouldn't have made it through V without you because I couldn't have made my way through life without you. I love you, thank you for everything. Mandy, you changed my life from dark and one and I will always love you. To Erik and Mo, good luck! You guys definitely changed the monotony of this place. If I could leave you two some advice, would be to realize that change is only as bad as you make it and to find what makes you happy in life and run with it. And last but not least, thanks to all my brothers from the Borro for helping me find my position. Without the summers I would have lost my mind. Keep on dreamin'...

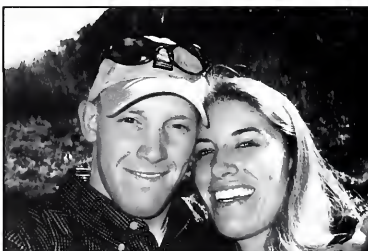
Ranger Challenge 3; Strength & Fitness 3,2,1; VMI Forest Fire Fighters 2

ROTC: 4, 3, 2, 1; Big Red Club: 4, 3, 2; Dean's List: 4, 3, 2, 1; Ac Stars: 1; Rugby: 3, 2, 1; RFC Treasurer: 2; RFC President: 1; Parade Announcer: 4; Cadet Waiter: 1; IS Department: 2, 1

Dyke Line
1998 - Nate Pierpoint
2004 - Frank "Rizzo" Russel



Dyke Line
1998 - Matt Baldwin
2004 - Nathan Gilbert



Dyke Line
1998 - Jarrod Fitzpatrick
2004 - Erik "Forshezi" Robinett





David B. Russell
Chesapeake, VA

Mechanical Engineering ~ Navy



Kendra L. Russell
Chattanooga, TN

Math ~ Air Force



Kevin A. Ryan
Virginia Beach, VA

Business & Economics ~ Army

VMI wasn't really a culture shock for Dave. Military was a norm as was his overwhelming sarcasm. Rat or was the corruption time and when his obsession with G.I. Joe figures started. And it ended with his wild night at the Corps party. 3rd class year was another time, the continuing pranks and the beginning of an academic ratline. Those enjoyable arguments that led up in brawls and ice cream fights. His unique leadership roles that assisted your move to the color guard emerged that year. Also, throughout 3rd class year Dave started to build his car one part at a time. The smell of gasoline. 2nd class year brought Ring and his beloved computer. The date your sister you up with was one of a kind. He finished the year with the Azalea festival. The only thing he could remember was losing his uniform and crawling towards a part-a-patty. 1st class year brought the rat torture and finally the ghost car. We didn't think it existed until all the stories he told us about how he was getting ready to drive it out, but... Gaining the car and losing the computer, he could never quite get it all. In all Dave has become a great friend and we know that he will do great (automotive) things throughout his career.

When one looks at Kendra, the first thing that comes to mind is "I wonder if she'll help me with my homework." Now, I can't say that she was molded into the fine young man that this traditional military school strives to produce, but she hasn't turned out half bad. In fact, the only thing that has really changed about her is the hair length. That's why I am proud to say that she was not only my rat roomie, but also my friend for each year following. Nothing phases this girl. Her sheer brilliance amazes every one who talks to her, and her resemblance to Daria stuns those who do not understand what she has to say.

During her cadetship, Kendra managed to master juggling, riding the unicycle, and sleeping in class. Later in life, as an Air Force officer, these skills will be of some use. And if not, who cares, the beauty of being a scholarship student is knowing that you are wasting someone else's money.

After four years I leave taking away more than imagined, firmly believing something positive is to be taken from both good and bad, and indebted to the institute for all experienced. I thank my mother, father and brothers, whose love and affection have shown the importance of family. To Danielle Leigh, I could never thank enough, though I am blessed to have the rest of my life to try. AOML, to those I have become fortunate to call friend, the bonds formed shall never be broken.

Kevin started his career at VMI as a "ghost rat", participating in every act of mischief yet always eluding punishment. He holds the distinction as the only rat CO, Guide-on Bearer, and XO at one SRC. Building on that trend, he was never one to turn down friends or miss an opportunity to skip a formation. Though a Corporal, Kevin quickly succumbed to the pressures of the Reg System, seeking refuge on the Bomb Staff. Always devoted to his high school sweetheart, yet never afraid to go out with the boys, his escapades at Corn Beef are legendary. Leaving a lasting impression will be the hours spent over Chinese food and beer telling stories in BV. Here's wishing you and Danni-Lee a happy life together, from the guys who are gonna make your wedding reception memorable.

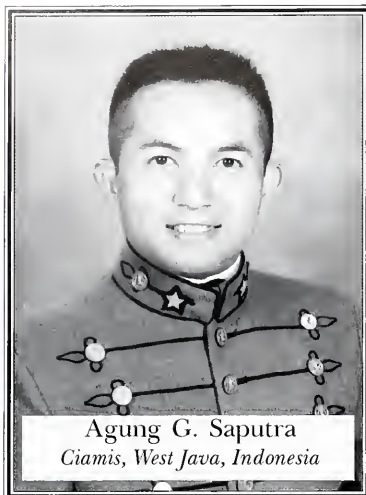
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Corporal, 3 Pvt, 4 2 1 Bomb staff, 4, 3 2 1 Religious Activities Committee, 3 2 1 Cadet Investment Group, 2 1 Dean's List 3 2 1 Room Orderly, 4, 3 2 1

Dyke Line

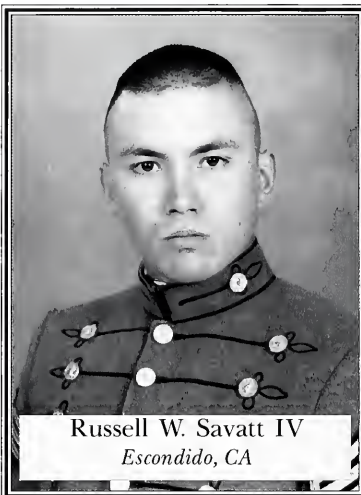
1998 - Rodney Daniels
2004 - Joe Neejer-Widener





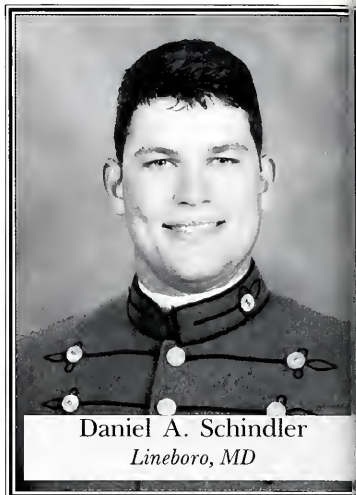
Agung G. Saputra
Ciamis, West Java, Indonesia

Civil Engineering ~ Army



Russell W. Savatt IV
Escondido, CA

Computer Science ~ Marine Corps



Daniel A. Schindler
Lineboro, MD

Civil Engineering ~ Army
NAD, Mr. Tongue Face, Are you drunk

No History Submitted

Thank you God for giving me the strength and endurance to pull me through four years at the I. Through the harsh times to the good times you were someone who I could always look upon for help. To all my family and friends, thanks for your support and patience. A CrAzY life leads to cRaZy times. To the 15-15 crew, Mikey J (the driver), the BAD (the killer), SS (da brainiac Mack 10), the House, B and da boyz at VT, Chaps, all rallin wit the Rdawg (the gangsta), Mardi Gras, SPI till I die, VA beach, and all the other crazy times. To all my dawgs back in Esco (TJ, Steve + Mandy, Huppdawg + Alicia, Kyle + Lannie, Reydawg, Rene, Kristen, Jen, Angel + Tasha, Jaunita (Rest in Peace)), I'll be back home, in SaCal soon. I also have to pay my respects to past dawgs Thor, Bane, and Landan for teaching all my success at OCS and all that I know today. To all my dawgs that will still be here (you know who you are), you know I'll always have your backs. I hope I was able to have an influence in your lives, because I don't know where I would be without all of you.

Harry Houdini achieved his legendary status by continually pushing the limits and amazing his audience. People thought he was crazy, beyond the grasp of death. His one rule, the principle that allowed him to survive his many astounding feats, was 'no permanent damage'. He would attempt anything that would not result in permanent damage (death, disfigurement, etc.). So I think that all of us who have had the pleasure of Dan's company over the past four years would not be at all surprised if he were to affirm adherence to Houdini's guiding principal. Whether risking severe bodily harm by eating God-only-knows what (a certain rice krispies treat springs to mind) or attempting to wrestle the strongest man in the corps (with the help of some false courage), Dan has definitely to the line. But Dan's feats are not confined to the physical. Dan will do or say anything to make us laugh, and I think it would be fair to credit his lack of sanity with the preservation of ours. Because hey, he's Dan, so, funny. VMI can be a harsh place at the best of times, and Dan has done much to break the monotony and bring some light and many smiles into the barracks. Thanks for all the times Dan, see you on the parade deck with that gas-powered golf cart and some to-beverages.

Toe Kwon Do 4.3; Water Polo 4; Private all the way.
Tau Beta Pi, Phi Eta Sigma, ASCE

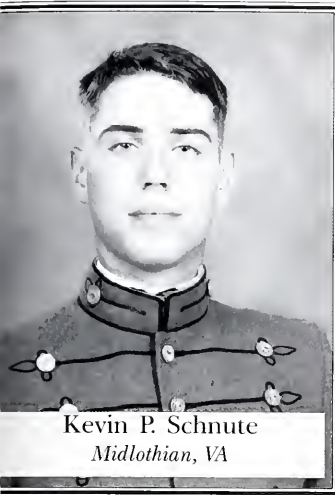
Mad Dog 4.3.21; BOMB 4.3.21; ASCE

Dyke Line
1998 - Prasert Sunyaruk



Dyke Line
1998 - Jonathan 'Nutz' Charbonnet
2004 - Robb 'The Captain' Metz





Kevin P. Schnute
Midlothian, VA

Business & Economics ~ Air Force



Jonathan V. Schott
Natrona Heights, PA

Biology ~ Army



Kenneth P. Scott III
Richmond, VA

English ~ Air Force
The Rooster

Kevin Schnute a.k.a. SchnuteKP
"These are good times." -Top Palmer
Thanks Mom and Dad and Gad Also Sarah, Jay
gee, and all of my ring brothers who helped me
endure all of the hardships we faced together (espe-
cially through my two rat lines).

No History Submitted

Well, it has been four long years and I am happy to
say I am done. I really can't say what I have learned
other than being a dirt bag has an upside. I have
hated this place with everything I had in me but in a
way I am sorry to see my time here is done. I will miss
the pranks, the late night excursions and all the strange
things that you see in the Valley of Virginia. It has
definitely been four years that just seem surreal and I
can't really put into words what I will be feeling when
I am done. Chuck, Brad, Schotty, Malda, Hump, Armi,
BJ, Matthew, Thanks, You made this place fun. I swear
I am surprised that the members of room 112 and 116
are still alive, a couple of times, well, never mind. All of
you have kept this place in perspective. Porter, keep
you nose clean and have fun. That is the best advice
I can give you. Pat, you just try to remember more
stuff and keep your good grades. I know you two
clowns can do it if you just help each other. Please
take it easy and try not to let this place get you down.
You guys are just strange enough to do it.

Swim team: 4,3,21
Swim team captain: 1

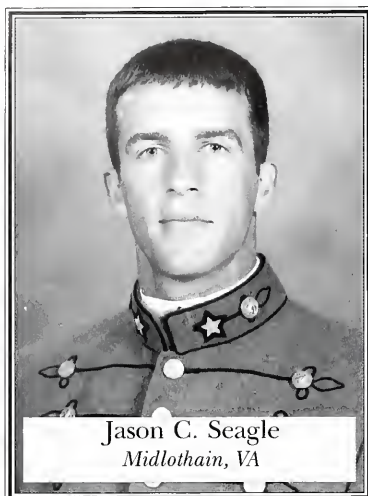
Cadet Business Manager

Dyke Line
1998 - Ryan Landman
2004 - Jason Frank Brinkmoeller



Dyke Line:
1998 - John Morgan
2004 - Pat Gregory





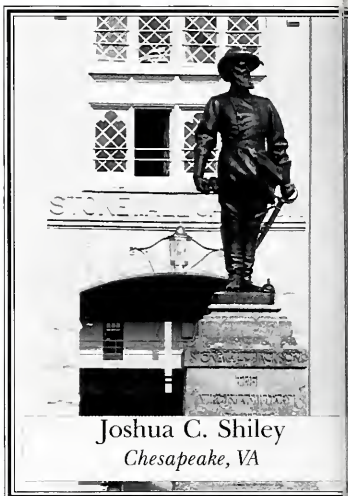
Jason C. Seagle
Midlothain, VA

*Mechanical Engineering ~ Army
Shaggy, Shagwell*



Thomas E. Sebrell II
Suffolk, Virginia

*History ~ Army
Tom, Freakshow, Little Red Guy, Sebs*



Joshua C. Shiley
Chesapeake, VA

*Business & Economics ~ Army
ShyDogg, Juice, Future*

"I'm not trying to think." This is one of my many infamous quotes throughout my cadetship. It has managed to piss many people off when trying to get something out of me. Oh well, it allowed me to rest my hard working mind. Well I'm finally on my way to a new life. A beach bum. I've met a lot of crazy people here at VMI and had some phat memories. I took many long exciting drives in the country roads of Rockbridge County. Explored some interesting spots on campus, top of Nichols being the most visited out of all of them. Every time is a new adventure of craziness, which helps keep me sane. I hate to say it, but VMI hasn't been that bad. My grades come out well. I had 4 good years of soccer, stayed out of trouble, and used every weekend and day that I owned to party at Tech or JMU. I'd like to thank my parents for all the support they've given me and for coming to see about every soccer game I had over the long 4 years. Also would like to thank my loving sister for coming up and seeing me when she had a chance. Well, I hope I didn't leave anything out...screw it, I'm out!!

On matriculation day I walked around Post with my family feeling a little anxious and nervous to get things started here at VMI. However, I became a little at ease when I kept seeing this skinny little red head with lots of red hair everywhere I went. I would point him out to my dad every time I saw him, and jokingly said that he would probably be my roommate. I hadn't even met Tom yet, but he had already given me a laugh for the day, which made things much easier. Tom would end up being my co-dyke and roommate for the last two years.

Tom, from day one, I knew that somehow you would be significant in my experience at VMI. Just as you gave me a good laugh on matriculation day, you have been able to do it through the past four years. You have definitely made this place much more bearable for me. Thank you for steering me in the right path when times were tough. I could never repay you for the true friendship you have shown for me. Just know that you have a friend for life. Good luck next year from all of us in room 121.

My time here is finally coming to an end (knock on wood). As I reflect upon these turbulent 4yrs, I only recall 4 truly good times associated with this place (Tom knows). I've learned 2 lessons in "college". The first is about change. Not necessarily in the morphic sense but in the gist of power. Things always change and most of the time it is futile to stand. However, when the hands of power change it effects all that lie beneath. I will remember not to jump head first into things I know nothing about, and I will always take counsel of the lives I affect, unlike some things I have seen come and go with the seasons. The second was a heaping dose of the real world. Not much to say on that one except that its far different as you're in the rabbit hole. I would like to thank my dad for standing by me all these years. It has been a rough road thus far, but it is almost over and I will never forget all your help. Rock: great times! Roomies: I shared the same sh#t, now lets reap the rewards! (Steve look at this) Rats: Stay flexible, this place is what you make of it. Find the humor in the most mundane tasks. There's nothing left but the sky!!!

Soccer-4yrs

Virgin Private 4,3,2; Virginia Historical Society 3,2; Varsity Cross Country 4,3,2; Varsity Track & Field 4,3; Monogram Club 3,2; Very Random 4,3,2; Beat Patrol 21

Dyke Line
1998 - Dave Pouleris
2004 - Andrew Kiriakos



Dyke Line
1998 - Jon "Dirty" Catlett
2004 - Dick Eaton



Dyke Line
1998 - David Nash
2004 - Mathew Vogel, Glenn Walton





James E. Shircliffe Jr.
Oceanside, CA

*International Studies ~ Marine Corps
Shirely, The Don*

After four years at VMI I am ready to leave. I remember when I first came to this place so long ago, a haze of memories and images. New experiences and people in such a combination as cannot be found anywhere in this world. Was it worth it? After looking at all the friends I made, Dave, Jared, Howie, Pete, and too many more to name, I would have to say yes. The people I have met here and befriended have made life at VMI memorable and tolerable, even enjoyable at times. I am not the same person as when I first came. Dreams and goals have metamorphosed into passions seeking new possibilities. I don't regret this change. I am glad of the things VMI has shown me, it may not be to the result it intended, but it is appreciated. There is no way I can forget VMI. I have lived here for four years and I am afraid of what might be out there, but at the same time I know it is time to leave. I hope to keep in touch with the guys I have met here, or just bump into them at an alumni reunion 25 years from now. I can talk about old times and old friends, maybe even offer them a pack of cigarettes or a tin of dip. Thanks to my family I can make it that far.



Erik S. Siebert
Springfield, VA

History ~ Marine Corps

No History Submitted



Chris W. Simpson
Farmville, VA

*History ~ Air Force
Pimpson, Snake, Pimpdogg*

Well, it has been four long ass years and I can't help feeling that they were worth it. This place does suck and I spent four months of room confinement and experienced it first hand, but I will always remember all the great times, the Citadel jeep, parties, football games, Ring Figure, and I know there are more.

To my parents, thank you so much MOM and DAD. Ya'll have helped me so much throughout life and I know VMI would not have been possible without ya'll. I love ya'll very much. To Wayne, thanks for being there as well, try to keep my crazy brother on track Joey, thanks for giving me one of the biggest challenges of my life.

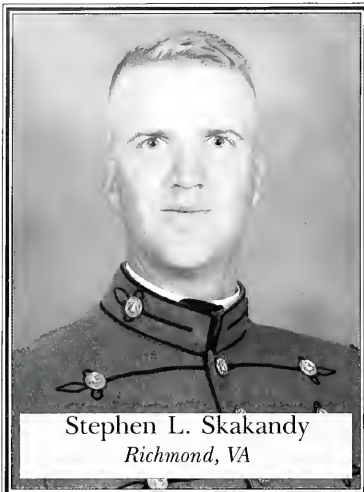
To DS-9000, ya'll are the best friends I have ever had. Parker, Dart, Jim, Whit, Nate, DERE Matt, and Sarah, Do what you gotta do and stay out of trouble. No fat woman Dart. To all the Air Force peeps, I will see ya'll around. To Tiff, I know we've had our problems, but thanks for getting me through this place. I will always love you. I couldn't have done this without all the people who were in my life.

Well, the future nears and I cannot wait till the first reunion to see how everyone is doing. Good Luck to everyone.

Tae Kwon Do 4, 3, 2, 1

*Dyke Line
1998 - Ceasar Perez
2004 - Pete Burke*





Stephen L. Skakandy
Richmond, VA

*International Studies ~ Marine Corps
Skak, Crazy Steve, Grunt, Heinrich*

Of all our BRs, I can't think of anyone who prides himself more on keeping VMI the most Spartan military school in the country. From Cadre Corporal to Midshipmen Battalion XO, Steve has all the qualities necessary to make the Marines proud to have him among their ranks ("You want me on that wall, you need me on that wall! Or 'Truman spielt Gott!?' Ich werde Gott spielen!"). From the wild Techno scene in Hamburg (Tuesday night: Citrus Bar; Wednesday morning: Blankenese chicks; Wednesday night: Volia, Friday night and weekend: Reeperbahn; hungover: every day!) to endless nights of studying for Finals ("Du warst 'auf' Fernsehen!"), he's proven to be "Semper Fi" to his buddies. One great mystery about the junior stuntman remains though: even his closest friends are not sure whether he is the personification of the Southern gentleman, the poster child for the Hitler youth or simply the reincarnation of the Viking god Thor. Should you ever find out, let us know! ("Damn I'm beautiful!") There are some broken-hearted members of the opposite sex who weep in the South, the Fatherland, Gay Paree and even the Ukraine! Those were the best days of our lives. - Charles



Megan K. Smith
Monument, CO

Electrical Engineering ~ Navy

To my parents and relatives- thanks for all your love and encouragement throughout the years. Even if you didn't understand why I came to VMI, you were there for me. To the Lowes, my host family- you have been like a second family, giving me so much help and understanding all these years, I could never repay you. Thank you so much. A special thanks also to Harry and Mae Augustine and "Uncle" Van for all those visits and care packages.

To my roomie Rachel: we've been great friends these four years, thanks for all those late night talks. To the girls of '01, EE majors, and FTroop, we made it! To all those who doubted me, you only made me stranger. To my dyke Steve, you were an inspiration and a big brother to me. Mark and Anthony, my best advice is- take a semester away from this place. You are doing great, just keep it up and don't get too disillusioned. To all my friends at the Royal Military College of Science, we had some great times at the College Club. And finally, to Jeff- I love you and can't wait to see what the future brings us.

And now, I am off to graduate school to study even more Electrical Engineering.

"Here I remain, my own master, and none shall hinder me from doing as I choose" Marcus Aurelius



P. Scott Smith Jr
Spotsylvania, VA

*Business & Economics ~ Special Studies
Smitty, Smittlogg*

O' Joy, O' Rapture, graduation day is almost here...NOT! While I am forced to spend one more year at Mother "T", the challenges, and struggles I've faced, and life lessons I've learned are true no matter when I graduate. VMI has molded me into a young man that I am proud to look at in the mirror. Dad, you have dedicated your life to giving me everything that you never had, thank you.. Mom, "Everything I am, and everything I ever hope to be I owe to my mother Abraham Lincoln. Sarah, all the happiness, success, and wealth in the world would be pointless if I didn't have you to share it with. C-31, I came back to VMI absolutely terrified that I wouldn't make it. If only I had known that God had sent four angels to take care of me. Brian, day in and day out I watch you do that: less work, you're an inspiration. Warlet, if any would jump in front of a train for me it would be you. Luke, we'll be friends forever, I look forward to it. Doug, sometimes I sit in awe of your wisdom, morals and values. You have taught me a lot about life.

3rd Col: 3 weeks, Pit Sgt: 2, 1st Pit Lt: 2, Jockwondo: 4,3, Uni-Bwt: 3, MB Exchange: 3,2, Delta Phi Alpha: 21, FAC Club VP: 2, Brazilian Jujitsu: 2, BullDog: 2, deutsches Ritterschisch: 21, Midn Batt XO: 1, Drunk: 4,3,21, Hound: 4,3,21, New Brks Lib Front: 4,3,21, Boxing: 1

*Dyke Line
1998 - Greg O'Hare
2004 - Jason Brightwell*



VMI Theatre 4,3; CPL: Sgt.; Study Abroad-England 2; Cheerleading 3,2; Rot Challenge High Ropes Course 2; QMD stoff 21; First Class Private

*Dyke Line
1998 - Steve Pruitt
2004 - Anthony Miller, Mark Buhl*



Proud to be hoized rat: 4; Tool Corporal: 3; BC Luck: 2; Big Red: 3; 1; CIG: 1; Dork Squad: 3; Frat Roy: 1; Gafel: 4; First Class Private; Rot Daddy: 1; Pit Bu: 1; Mongoose/ Ninja/ role player: 1;

*Dyke Line
1998 - Sam Bernier
2004 - Rob "Robo" Serig*





Jarrett M. Somers
Luray, VA

*Mechanical Engineering ~ Army
Happy Rat, Smiley, "I'm from Luray"*

Well, the time has finally come for me. The last four years have been a long and hard journey, but I will miss the place depending on the day. To my rat roommates: Mike, Josh, Pat, and good ole Old Soc - We always knew how to have a good time and still do today. To Ball-Busting Bravo, I leave four years of being a monkey and the thought of winning Garnet Awards. To the Mechanical Engineering Department, I have a lot of late nights doing work. To my Mom, Dad, Grandmother T & H, Trish, Mark, Heather and the rest of the family, I love you and thank you for supporting me through these last four years. Heather, we have traveled the road less traveled and persevered through these last four years. We have many memories and adventures and I'm looking forward to many more. To the mass of 2001+3: Andy, Matt, Matt, Noah, Justin, Ed-Endure the "I" and make the most of it. To Frazier's: thank you for your support and all the good packages. To my roomies Jan, Jeff and Greg, the world is now at our finger tips and I wish the best to each of you, Greg just remember to take care of Sarah, haha. To VMI: May the Institute be heard from today.



Benjamin A. Stanley
Lexington, VA

*Business & Economics ~ Army
White lightning, Dirty Monkey*

Unbelievable, although the days are long here it seems like yesterday I was a RAT. Like everyone else I am ready to move on. This has been one of those experiences that no matter how much you try to explain to someone, they will never truly understand. But through all the complaining, PT's, confinement, inspections, parades and endless other wastes of time here at VMI, a few times were memorable. The little things I remember. Kenny stuck in the ceiling Rat year, Summer Session 99-Brian hairy monster girl and I, tracing the balls for Poppa, Justin and his fits of rage i.e. racquetball court, Mike and I at the Star Bar, Kenny freaking the fat lady - yeah he likes them big, Brian driving states away to meet girls off chat, Samara, Mike Graber and fighting 15 Mexican Americans our first night in Atlanta and going to the station with Shaft. Maybe one day I will return rich and famous, but that will not be any time soon. If you are reading this down the road, look me up and send me a buzz.



Adam P. Stanley-Smith
Nottingham, NH

International Studies ~ Marine Corps

Thanks to everyone: Madre, my family, and all my friends here at VMI.

I laughed so hard I didn't notice how much it sucked. That's probably the best way to sum up my experience at VMI. Everyday it seemed like someone in power came up with a new way to make my life miserable. But the lower my morale got, the more I joked with my friends. When motivation and discipline hit rock bottom, hilarity peaked. With RDawg, Violent J, BAD, and Neider, the S-15 Connection did its best to take the Military out of VMI and maximize our own "flava". How many rooms can claim to have had a disco ball for 2 years, a weight bench, a dartboard, walls covered with posters of half naked girls, a minifridge, and Foamstar, the UberHay? Our room = new blue book rules. When they let us out of prison, it only got better. Mardi Gras with Andy barefoot, Sunday River's Boneyard, the perfect "WestSide!" gang sign, and plenty of binge drinking, and four years of SuperBowl parties. I thought that we had peaked when we brought the couch back from my house in the Rat Challenge truck, but we just kept on getting better. I laughed till I cried, then I marched PTs. S-15 till I died!

Virgin Private 4,3,21; Bomb 31; ASME 4,21; Dean's 21; Rat Challenge 2; Victim of Rock Monster 3,21; other 4,3,21++++

Cadre 3,2 Rat Challenge 21
BRDC 4,3,21 A1 Club

Dyke Line
1998 - Bradley C. Arnold
2004 - Andrew "Stetson" Frazier

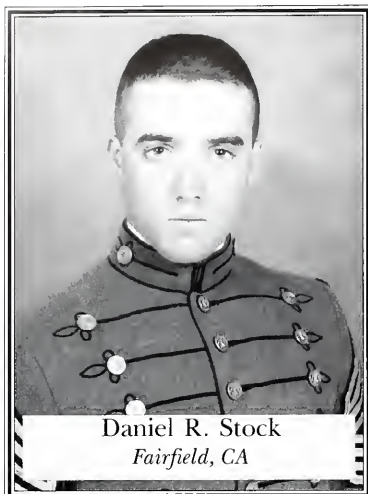


Dyke Line
1998 - Obi Ezekwe
2004 - Sara Johnson, Matt Park.



Dyke Line
1998 - Eric Smith
2004 - Morgan Harris





Daniel R. Stock
Fairfield, CA

Computer Science ~ Navy
Stock D, RoboStock, The Stockinator

I've known Dan since our beginning, and he was to me the strangest person I had ever met. Getting to know him was difficult, but one of the most worthwhile experiences in my 4 years. Everything from crooked and stinky roommates to broken computers, Dan's sense of humor kept us laughing well into the wee hours of the night. Sleep was never important except in class, and no one took more pride in their appearance than he did. And no one took better care of their friends than he does...no one has had more asked of him and at the same time has asked nothing for himself...he has taken rank every year, even positions he didn't want, and performed those duties better than anyone ever could...his candidness towards everyone has earned him respect from those that know him best. We aren't going to touch it Dan, and no one has lost an eye yet!



Kuku Suharwiyono
Blitar, Indonesia

Computer Science - Army
Mike, Mr. S, Yono

For the better part of the Ratline I really didn't know much about Kuku other than his peculiar name, the misc. box full of weird underwear that he brought over from Indonesia, and a rumor that he once caught a deadly snake, while training in the jungles, with his bare hands. But now after rooming with the guy for the past three years and training with him for one: I've found Kuku to be sincere, intelligent and most important of all to us: a great friend.

Throughout our days here at VMI, our room has seen much happiness and glory, but also some strife. I'm glad that Kuku was a part of all the times that we would gather around at night and joke about all of the nonsense in the Corps. He would always have something witty to say that would put everyone in stitches.

And despite all of the frivolous disagreements amongst ourselves...everyone would always ask Kuku what he felt about the situation and his insight on why we shouldn't fight over petty disagreements. I truly believe that if Kuku wasn't around...that VMI and all the crap associated with it would have torn us apart. Thank you Kuku and may Allah protect you in the jungles of Indonesia. RMM

Through thick and thin and forever I will always be there- FLM



Kelly K. Sullivan
Barnsville, GA

Mechanical Engineering ~ Navy
Sully, Cannonmouth

Kell-bell here we are at the end of something a never knew we'd begin. 4 years ago we chose to "road less traveled" and I suppose had it not been for the twisted halls of this Institute I would not have you in my life. You are one of the strongest people I have ever known, this place sent you to hell and you came back alive carrying ice water. Nothing here has ever been easy for us, you have been strong for me when I lost hope in everything. You are my angel. I am proud of you. Keep being the loud mouth fool! Keep standing up to injustice and be nice to the blondes with big boobs and blue eyes! Your Mom was a special woman and I see every ounce of her strength in you, she and coach look down on you every day and you are truly blessed to have such amazing angels. We will always remember Mel, Yuls & Nik. Hang tough Mr. Bear, Mr. Bunny can't beat your ass, god bless the B&B Ninjas and our dykes Slava, Dayo, and Ilija, you guys are great. Here's to all the good times, forget the bad times, let's become numb to the sad times. I love you so much Kelly, you have blessed my life and planted yourself in my heart. love Mel

4-Rot, Ice Hockey: 3-Echo Company Clerk, Ice Hockey: 2-Color Sergeant, Ice Hockey Captain, Water Polo, Triathlon: 1- S3 Captain, 2 BN S3 Lieutenant, MIDN Battalion Commander, Ice Hockey, Triathlon

Private 4, 3, 1; Guide Sgt. 2: Academic Star 4, 2, 1; The Cadet Staff 2, 1

Track and Field, Indoor and Outdoor: 4.3; Captain 2 & 1

Dyke Line
1998 - Matt Watson
2004 - Bree Adams, Ryan Koziol



Dyke Line
1998 - Matthew T. Guise
2004 - Joseph H. Doane



Dyke Line
1998 - Ed Niebert
2004 - Ekundayo O. Adedokun





Alex B. Tedla
Alexandria, VA

History ~ Army
Tropical, Teddy



John A. Tempone Jr.
Dumfries, VA

International Studies ~ Marine Corps



James B. Thompson
Shaker Heights, OH

History ~ Air Force

wasn't sure for a long time what to put down here, as going to put a quote saying something really found, but was talked out of it, so I guess the question still remains what should I write that when people sit down the road they will be like, "wow, so that Alex back then?"

All sorts of people have asked me in the course of incarceration here, why did you go to VMI? And going back at the four years I've spent here, the true answer is, I just like many others, was looking something different in my college experience. And parent is definitely what I got, the truth of the matter, I have had the opportunity to do and experience a lot in my tenure as a cadet, including having opportunity to see a little bit of the world outside United States.

But what I take away from VMI and my experiences here are unspeakable, I truly don't know how to put it into words, some things are good and others are bad, but all have proven to benefit me in helping me to realize many things, and I do believe those realizations, that VMI experience, will help me out there in the world.

Thanks for everything Mom, Dad, Sam.

I came to VMI four years ago with high expectations. I wondered how I would turn out after all was said and done. So here I am at the end. I have learned so much about myself that all I can be is thankful for this place. It is indeed a crucible of learning and leadership. Many people have come here and coasted through, waiting for a miraculous change. Others have taken on all the challenges that this miserable place can throw your way and asked for more. My friends and I are leaving now. The Institute has left her mark on us: Frank, Kevin, Paul, Brad, Billy, Mike "the Jew", Scotty, Adam, Mike, Ang, and Crazy Steve. You may be whatever you resolve to be. Along with my friends whom I will never forget there have been people that I owe my thanks to for guiding me, my Mother who is the strongest person I know, my Father who gives me wisdom, my Sister, Laurie, Uncle Mike & Aunt Jean, the O'Donnells, the International Studies Department, LtCol. Davis for making life hell, Col. Hutchings for his speech, the Marine Department for giving me the warrior spirit, and Helen for her love which got me through the toughest year. After four years I still believe in VMI...

No History Submitted

OGA 1 Private 4.21 Cpl. 3 Rat challenge 4.3

Cpl 3; 1stSgt 2; Capt 1; TGS 21; Bulldog 2, 1

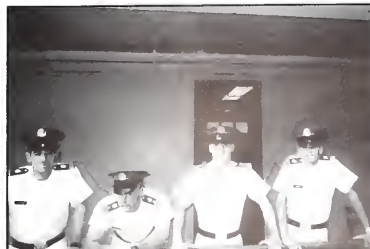
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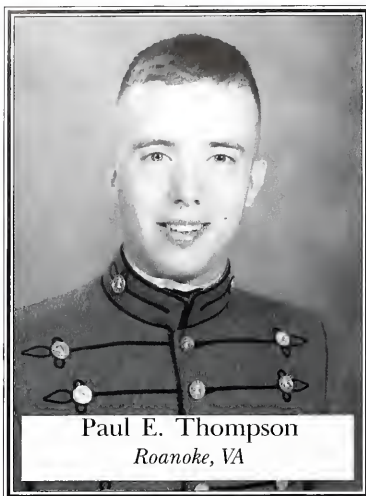
1998 - David Willey
2004 - Caleb "Mr. T" Lee



Dyke Line

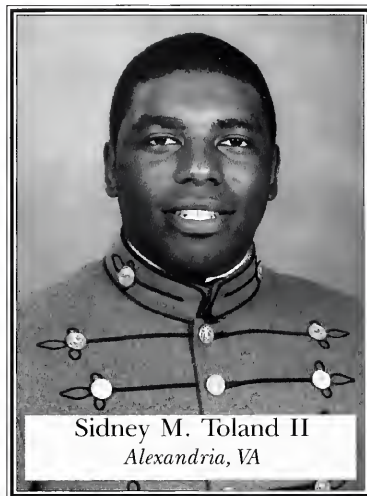
1998 - Justin May
2004 - Brian Hudak





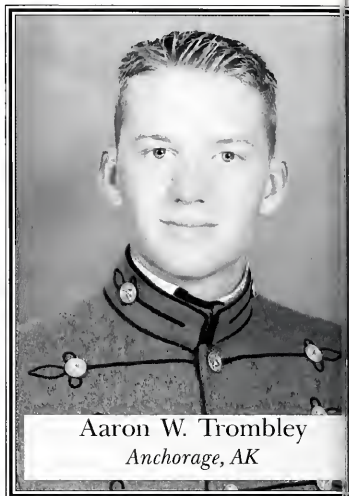
Paul E. Thompson
Roanoke, VA

Business & Economics ~ Army



Sidney M. Toland II
Alexandria, VA

*Electrical Engineering ~ Army
B-Lo, BeShon Lo, HeNice*



Aaron W. Trombley
Anchorage, AK

English ~ Army

Id first of all like to say a big thank you to my dyke Tom Barnhill. Without him I couldn't have made it this far. Id also like to say thanks to Derek Wiley and Jason Daniels, whom I know will go far at this addest of place known as VMI. I reluctantly majored in Economics and Business with a minor in Philosophy. I've joined the Army with more than my share of problems with it. I've enjoyed my time with my friends here when we were away or actually here. I've had the better part of my stay away though. Morocco, Spain, Gibraltar, Bahamas, Hawaii, and Korea have all been the best parts of my life, thanks to the school and the army. One thing I can say is that if Id gone anywhere else then I wouldn't have any of those opportunities whatsoever. My friends here have come and gone, but some of you have always been by my side through quite a lot and I thank them dearly for that, we'll see each other again I'm sure.

First I want to thank God and all my fam back home for never giving up on me.

My Charlie Co. co-matriculants who didn't kill me when I was brainwashed, look of me now right?

To my dogs that came in and left before it was their time...I'll never forget 410mph from JMU->thanks Darryl!

EE cadets and the hell Studder, Polm Tree, Blue Dog, Jiggity J Shawn, L Troin, Why Me Squire, and Night Vision-> the hell is over

Didn't have a yr w/o excitement so, remember the CAPER, CAR ACCIDENT, TRISTAR, BALWIN BRAWLERS, BRC RIDES FROM HOLLINS, 1115 RULE, EBONY'S RACE, NIKKI'S SOLO, MY SEX IN BARRACKS (& MARCUS!), THE CHRISTMAS CALL

Adam, I gave U ur first HC talk->proud of u, Oscar, and the decoder ring stats, thanks for having my back. Ryan, couldn't get rid of u, u still KOSHER though, and RJ u know how we roll luv u dog, and STAY OFF AOL! Mike words can't describe, Marcus u like a bro, Kenny u made LSRC, Jamar, I almost died for u once, won't hesitate to do it again. Lastly, Lex and Tamina I luv yall too. But I must say, I never met so many 'friends' so shady at the same time

Before I say anything - If it weren't for Cal I couldn't have made it. It's about damn time! As much frustration VMI has caused me over the last 4 years, I am going to miss the place. It was tough to see my brother leave because I really wanted him to see the rewards of this place, but... every manist follow his heart. Adam, I wish you the best! I have met a lot of great people here, but I would like to focus on two in particular - Richard "Dick" Bruce and Top Parker. Thanks for always being there. If my purpose for coming to VMI was to meet the both of you - fine. Thank me. Hey Dick, "Dr. Pepper Cheese ball"? Thanks gals to the rats: Jesse, Matt, Jay, Ben, and Daran - Hollins there! I am looking forward to watching all of you cross the stage. Always keep a sense of humor.

I believe this would not be complete if I did not send my best wishes to a certain someone - Lyle Coffey, although it didn't work out, I wish you the happiest and most rewarding life. Thanks for the good times.

Grandpa and Grandma - I owe it all to you! Thanks a million.

A special shout out to Mom and Pops Brian, Dad and Mom Wingfield, along with Mom and Pops Palmer. Thanks for the support.

VMI...Picture Me Rollin...

Rgr Challenge 1,2; Sandhurst 2; Rgr Co. 1,2,3; S-5 2,34; Private 1,2,34!

Dean's List 4 3; Vice Pres. Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), Secretary/Assistant Coach VMI Rugby Club, Promaj Club, Vice Pres. VMI Gospel Choir, College Democrats

Dyke Line 1998 - Caleb Taylor 2004 - Alex "Pitbull" Eason





John B. Turner
St. Paul, MN



Josh P. Turner
Clifton Forge, VA



Christopher S. Tyree
Newport News, VA

International Studies ~ Army
JB, Dan, Ratline

Civil Engineering ~ Army
JoBeth, GREEN, White Trash

Physics ~ Navy

Started in Charlie and was swiftly brainwashed to believe my cadre's every word. Thankfully 3rd class or I was adapted to Bravo where I returned to normal society- or what we believe it to be around VMI summer in Ecuador helped, a girlfriend with teeth (n't). My new neighbors (R.A.M) will always be remembered for inspirational teachings by the Rev. and ass. My change was furthered by Sean, Justin and at damn Jeep stored at the NG armory. Upon our turn as 2nd (after a summer, including trips to Colorado, Ft. Benning-Airborne, and Spain (running of the bulls included)) the Jeep showed up again and led to many trips to Goshen, and the ABC. That year I had a distinction of being the only 1SG to be passed over for a CPT slot- lucky me. I also took my roommates cousin to Ring Figure; she dropped it, inside the g. After a summer of mountain biking, Advanced camp, and time at the 82nd I walked my butt to New Market. This year was completed by a new friend, a set of wings-Air Assault, and too much time in the commandant's office. In the end I learned people are key and if you keep them distracted you can get away with damn near anything.

Who would have known that a boy from a little town called Clifton Forge could have made it to this point. Growing up with no worries, working hard for anything and everything so that one day he could give it all up and begin his life as an 'Institute Man' "Some of it's magic, some of it's tragic, but all in all it's been a good life" have come and gone, girls have come and gone, but some No History Submitted things I'll never lose, my EXPERIENCE, true friends, and family Mom, Dad, thanks for everything and I love you both very much. Mike, I don't know how you put up with me for 4 years, we were like night and day but we managed, keep in touch playa. Brian, it was a blast, where the hell'd ya go 2nd semester, I guess the answer is blowing in the trees. Cory, did we really want to be engineers? Another 4 years. Ferg, Simpson remember rat year, that was fun. Drew, how bout a trip to UVa for old times sake. Josh, how long has it been? Dale, Joey, Huck, Matt, I don't remember everything from that first year, it's kind of a blur, but I know where I was when I started and where I am now Finally, Rob good luck, keep your @ss outta trouble, and don't forget to carry on THE TRADITION

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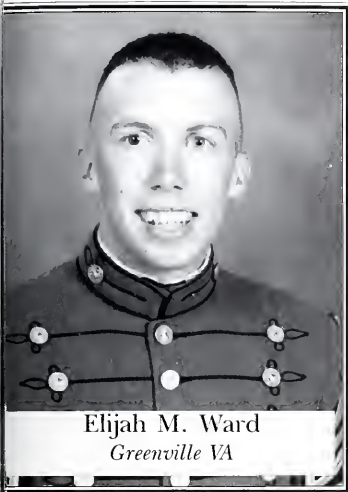
Cpl., 1st SGT., Reg. S-1 Lt. SAR 4.3; Rock climbing; Mtn. Biking 24; Ordained Minister 2; Trident Society; 3.21, Schlappa 1.

PRIVATE - 3, 2, 1; Rugby - 1; Powerlifting - 3, 2; ASCE - 4, 3, 2, 1; Terminally Insane - 4, 3, 2, 1, ALLien - 4-eva

Dyke Line
1998 - Lucas J.A. Braxton
2004 - Chuck Karamon

Dyke Line
1998 - Dale Paxton
2004 - Rob Wilson





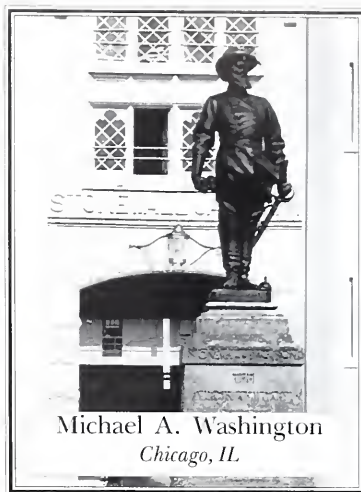
Elijah M. Ward
Greenville VA

History ~ Army
Eli, Big J, E- Dawg



Billy Dee Washington
Lake Wales, FL

Biology ~ Army



Michael A. Washington
Chicago, IL

Electrical Engineering ~ Army

It seems impossible to believe that after years of
serving to come to VMI my time here is now drawing
to an end. This has been an incredible four year expe-
rience to much having gone on to summarize in a so
little space. To my dykes who were great in showing
me the way to make it through this place with mini-
mal time serving confinement or PTs thank you. To my
roommates over the past four years. John and Cory
the lone survivors of 452 and 318 we saw a lot
together. To Kenny and Scott I commend you for your
presence in 225 it was quite an "experience" together.
To Club 152 aka the tool shack what can be said that
you haven't already made the Beef page regarding us. You
guys have been great. Joe you will always be the
"priar princess". Dan keep your mark set high and
pass on toward Him. Chris I understand why you re-
lated to Mallory though we did enjoy the moments
I saw you. Jason and Jan remember what we have
thought you. Chap, the Hammonds, Baldwins, MAJ Walls
and MSG Stinnett thanks for your faithful examples.
But not least thanks to my parents for their unfa-
ltering love and support and to my Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ for making this all possible.

Hebrews 12:11
Isaiah 40: 28-31

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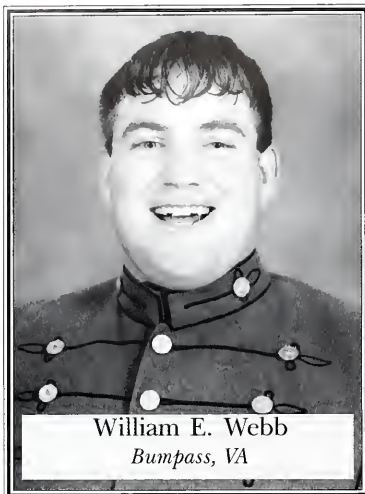
PVT 3, GSGT 2, Reg S-5 LT and Chaplain 1, BSJ 4 (VP) 3,
President 2, 1, OCF 44, Glee Club 4, 1, Cadet editorials 3, 2,
Religious Affairs Committee 2 and 1, STP staff 2, 1,
Beef page target 2, 1, BR club in the X, Christian Forever

Dyke Line

1998 - Dan Dunn, Mike Smith

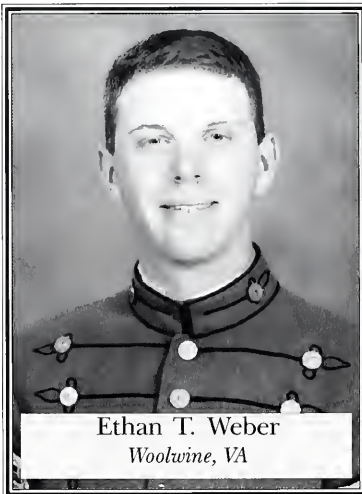
004 - Jonathan Saburn, Jason Quash





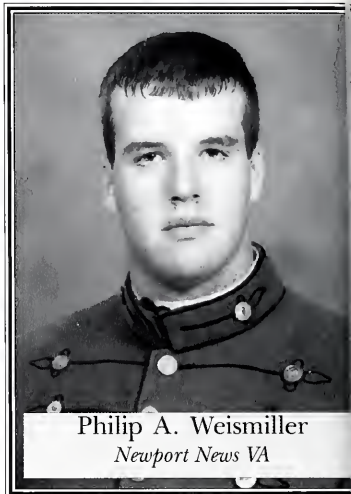
William E. Webb
Bumpass, VA

History ~ Air Force



Ethan T. Weber
Woolwine, VA

Business & Economics ~ Army



Philip A. Weismiller
Newport News VA

Mechanical Engineering ~ Army
Phil, Guyver

No History Submitted

The first time I met Ethan I knew we were going to be good friends. I just had to get over the fact that he was trying to run me out of school at the time. After over coming a difficult rooming issue as Rats I learned Ethan was a leader. He has a quiet and forceful way about him that grabs your attention and makes you want to follow. I saw this in the Rat Line and when we went to Fort Benning together for basic training. Everyone respected him right away, even our super-hooah Drill Sergeants, and the only reason others accepted me is because I was friends with him. In my time here and other places I have never met a more caring and sincere man that would go the lengths for you that Ethan would. I remember that when he left Ft. Benning and I stayed, he still wrote me letters. Everyone knows that mail is one of the only things that keeps you going in training conditions like that. He has been a huge impact on my life and I am a better person today because I know him. Ethan will find success in whatever he does. If he decides to stay in the Army he will undoubtedly win the hearts of his troops and impact their lives as he has impacted mine.

Hey guys and gals, this is your old bud Phil. This V experience has been a mix of fun, sweat, pain, and suffering, mostly suffering. I don't think I'll ever associate the word "bone" to a part of the human body ever again. To all you graduating on time, good job and good luck to you all. To all of you like me that are going to be here another year, what the hell did I do to deserve this? To all my friends and roommates, especially Mitch, Eric, and Kelly, thanks for being there for me, and keeping me from killing stupid people. To all of you like me going into the armed forces, serving our country with pride, it's the best damn country on the planet. See you guys and gals at the reunions. It's easy to find, just look for a really really drunk soldier. I'll leave you all with two quotes: "Courage NOT a function of firepower." And, "So close no matter how far, couldn't be much more from the heart, forever trust in who you are, and nothing else matters..."

Cpl 3, Ops Sgt, Mstr Sgt, S-5 Lt., VMI Outreach, Virginia Historical Society, Equestrian Club, National Guard, Branched MI/Armor active duty.

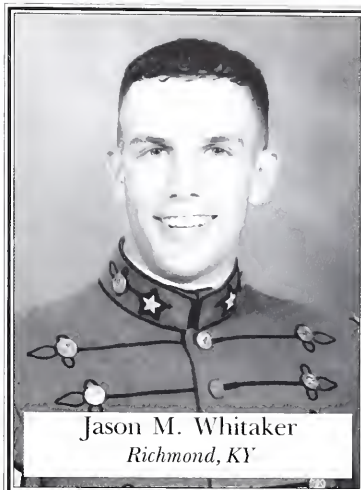
Band 4,3,21; Commanders; Track 4,3,21 (captain) Private 4,3,21; Southern Conf. Javelin Champion





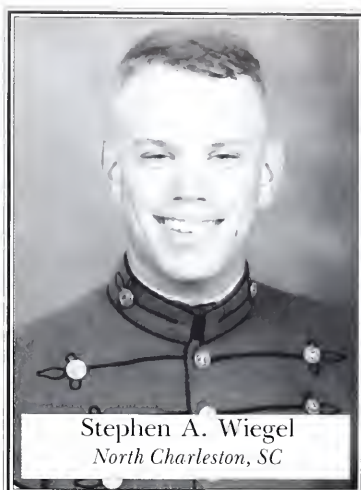
Ryan M. Welsh
Roanoke, VA

Psychology ~ Army



Jason M. Whitaker
Richmond, KY

*History ~ Army
Shakes, Klit-a-kon, Cat, Teeth*



Stephen A. Wiegel
North Charleston, SC

*Mechanical Engineering ~ Navy
Terri*

No History Submitted

As much as I've complained I feel blessed to have graduated from VMI. Most of all I am thankful for the friends I have made. I would like to thank my parents who raised a child into a man and wish the same blessings I received onto my brother and sister. I thank all my extended family, my grandfather, Aunt Mary and Uncle John whose letters and care packages brought a smile and love to this Rot. I thank the VMI faculty for teaching me their knowledge but most of all to be diligent. To my dykes, Jimmy, Thierry, Jon, and especially Aaron I thank you for your guidance and teachings about how to play this game called the VMI cadetship. To my "raptors"... I mean rats Hooah Matt, the Rev' Andy, and "Soccer Star" Drew I am proud of what you all have accomplished and I await the day you cross the stage. Remember honor above self and this is college, so learn! Finally, to all my boys in "Gotel Company", we are the closest group in barracks. We painted the Rock, took the Citadel's Jeep and harassed barracks for four years with our late-night antics. Remember "You gotta do what you gotta do!" Hey dude...Go UK! Meow... keep in touch and God bless!

Well fellas, its finally over - we've made it. We've completed the journey down the road less traveled and we are all stronger for it. It's been real and it's been fun. To my boys from room 105, we've had a good time and I'm going to miss ya'll. I love you guys. To my roomies from 172...what can I say? We've been through a lot. From the late night room discussions till the butt crack of dawn before exams, to the MUD, to the daily grind. It wouldn't be the same and it wouldn't be bearable without you guys. I'm gonna miss you guys. To my ME buddies, the ones who helped me make it through that great department I owe a debt of thankx. Just don't feel bad if I don't use a bridge ybil design. And to everyone who I haven't mentioned, not from neglect but from lack of space...you know who you are. All of you made this place worth while. Its not just the experience of VMI, it's the people you meet and become friends with while you are here. I have to thank my family, especially my parents. Without your support I wouldn't be where I'm at today. Thank you for standing behind me and supporting me in everything I do. Take care of my beloved Institute.

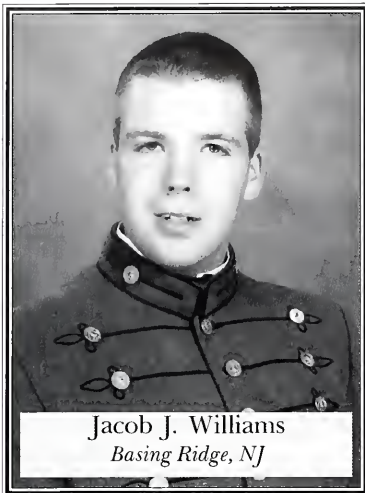
Cpl 3; Pft. Sgt 2; 2nd Bt. S-1 Lt. 1 VMI Track and Field- 4, 3; Letter 4. Strength & Fitness 1; Phi Eta Sigma 4,3,21, Sigma Delta Pi 2, 1, College Republicans 2, Who's Who 1, El Taco Revolucion 4; Dork Squad 3,21. New Brks Ninjas 3,21; Force Undercover Killas 2; LA Bandits 3,2

Dyke Line
1998- Aaron Frazier
2004- Matthew DeLauro

3-Alpha 8th Cpl; 2-Alpha 2nd Platoon Guide Sgt. 1-Alpha 1st Platoon LT, 2-ACIC Intramurals; 1-CIC Intramurals. 1-Midshipman Battalion Operations Officer

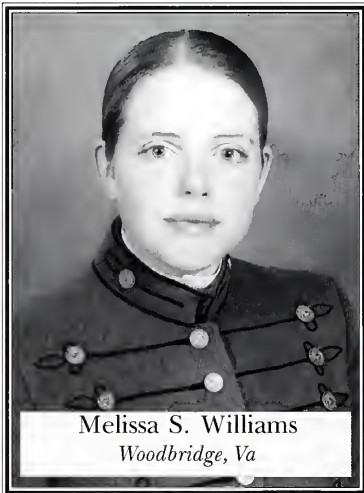
Dyke Line
1998 - Justin Lewis
2004- Keith Tate, Stephen DuMontier





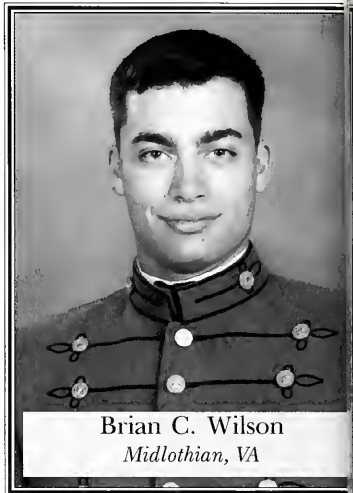
Jacob J. Williams
Basing Ridge, NJ

*Mechanical Engineering ~ Navy
Snake, Fuzzball, JJ*



Melissa S. Williams
Woodbridge, Va

*Biology ~ Navy
Cheeks, Melly*



Brian C. Wilson
Midlothian, VA

Business & Economics ~ Army

Known to the commandant's staff as WilliamsJJ and Jake to the corps, he is 'The Snake' to his close friends. Scientists long ago determined that snakes are cold-blooded. This one is not. Snake is a friend to the very end. No matter what the situation, he can be relied on to do the right thing. He is far more responsible than most of his friends. Being so responsible, he is often given tasks which seem impossible. While most people would quit, the snake makes the best of it and perseveres through, coming out smiling. The Snake is a Navy man through and through, despite receiving almost daily crap about it from his friends (general quarters). After four years of battling the NROTC forces, he has finished a little bruised and battered but clutching a flight school rating. Congrats Snake! Finally your soul will be released from their jar. Snake is perhaps the most faithful man I have ever met. Faithful to his school, to his friends and family, and most definitely to his fiancée. With his vast knowledge of English, The Snake is occasionally berated by his friends for his words. He gets questions like 'What does that mean?' or 'What did General Bunting just say?' Please, for me Snake, I need it explained in caveman lingo! Snake, I know that all your friends would agree, it is an honor and a privilege to call you my friend. Congratulations on graduating and surviving the M.E. and Navy departments. God bless.

Mad Dog private 4.23; BOMB 4.3.24; CCS 2; Study abroad England 2 (spring); IM soccer 3; ME/Navy whipping boy 4.3.21, 7th corporal 3

The end is here! Who said we wouldn't make it? EVERYONE! So they were wrong and stupid! Do we have to forgive them? Nah, didn't think so! I better tell these people a/b you so they will remember you. My roommate for 4 years Beautiful, Smart, Caring, and a terrible dresser, you know all the things I'm not! Thru it all my strongest supporter. I think about what I would have done w/o you in my life, I would not be the person I am today w/o you. Mama Cannonmouth loved you the first day she met you. Through the hard times, Beth leaving, dealing with VMI's finest, mama and coach, and FALLEN COMRADES, you have been wonderful. The new breed is alive with our three wonderful rats, DAO, SLAVA, and ILIJA. You guys are great, what we have taught you can only take you so far, look to your bright futures, embrace adversity. Live to make a change in this place, you will make it a better one to live in and love when you leave.

Mel you will continue to bring joy to peoples lives as a doctor. You can do it. Hold your head up high don't give up. Take care of David, he loves you almost as much as me. Don't ever forget who you are and what you stand for. I love you and will miss you so much- Kelly Sullivan

It's hard to believe that we are finally here, the culmination of all things good and evil that we have been through at this place. As each one of us distances ourselves in our own ways, we are all left with only our memories and our friendships. We have strived to realize the value of the memories. Mom & Dad, I am most proud to be your son, thank you. Mike, you have taught me much and the development of our relationship means everything to me. Gma & Pop are an inspiration. To my roommates, Luke, Lee, Dan, Scott, Will, Shawn (might as well), you all have taught me so much. Thank you. Luke, all the way from room 412, our thoughts became one towards the end, so Doug, you always challenged me to excel. Will, you helped drive me towards success, and we will have Smittdog, I can't even describe how thankful we all are to have you. You made our first class year! I remember: The cobra will always win! To Shawn, Lee, and Dave, you are all like brothers to me! To Bryan and Cyrus, keep your chins up no matter what, keep the faith. To my friends, you have all had a special impact one way or another and I will never forget you. Illegitimus Non Carborundum.

Cpl. 3, TCFC 3, 1sgt 2, DCO. 1, CIG 321, Big 321, RDC 21,

*Dyke Line
1998 - Mike Weyler
2004 - Jason Boone*



*Dyke Line
1998 - Eric Eisemon
2001 - Vyatcheslav Kirillov, Ilija Krklec*



*Dyke Line
1998 - Tom Wirth
2004 - Bryan Faison, Cyrus Kump*





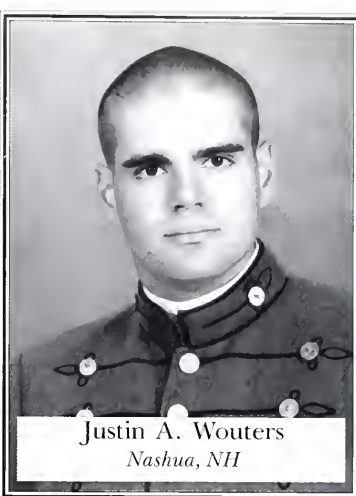
Angela L. Winters
Quinton, OK

Chemistry ~ Army



Guy F. Workman
Chesapeake, VA

English ~ Army



Justin A. Wouters
Nashua, NH

International Studies ~ Army
Juan

In life every person and thing that we happen upon but together for a reason. Everyone makes their own special impact. I am glad that fate played its wicked trick in placing me at the "I". Here I have found my niche in life, woke to my dreams, and made the deepest friendships of my life. Brother rats, it's been a hell of a haul but we made it together. Kim and Tennille, you are now special fixtures in my life. I will make my way around the world to be there for you. Tamina, remember the music and the echoes off the walls of dark hall. Matty, every day I'm thankful that we met and remain close. Craig, Cols, Erduush, Tim, Ryan, Mike, Jess, and to all of my friends-without you, I would not be the woman that I am. You have all been a major part of my life. Thank you for both driving me crazy and keeping me sane. Rats, as I watched, you slowly evolved into wonderful people. Continue the struggle till at last, you have overcome all obstacles, making me only as proud but yourselves as well. To my family- love you all. Mom and Bosh, you have been my pride and my prejudice. I adore you and always will. Every day keep up the faith and never stop fighting.

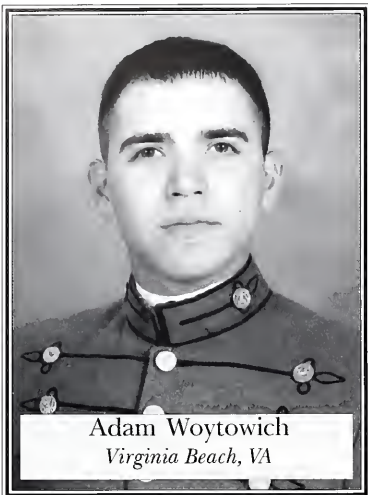
Workman stories, mountings, beat downs and little Buddha. Glee Club, RDC, and MOS- qualified. I knew Guy was different during his first retreat dance, no one else I know can have a sense of humor like that about their self and still take themselves seriously. But Guy does and everyone that knows him takes him at face value. His name is simple, his outlook is the same. Hard work, family, friends and the love of his life. I've never had a better battle buddy, a better roommate, a better friend. His dedication to the "I" is unprecedented, and his personality is infamous. Always has a story to make us laugh, always a beat down waiting to happen, always ready for someone to be on their back. We love you Work-It, never lose your charm and grace, keep that simplistic attitude and in our eyes you will always be the Ultimate BadAss. As you advance through your years of service to our country and tackle the many obstacles that are thrown your way, we will forever acknowledge that you are "the meanest man in the Army". Your character and leadership style will undoubtedly lead you to greatness, and we are sure your men will follow you after they get use to you.

A man wise beyond his years once said "You must pay attention to yourself and to others as you experience the matter of your life. If you can and if you do, you will have created something more special and more meaningful than money, success, and status. And if you can pay attention, you may look back some day and be pleased, pleased because you will be able to say with satisfaction and with dignity that you have made more for yourself than a living, you will have made for yourself a life". So here we are Justin, two quiet kids who might never have known one another. You've been a great roommate, probably the easiest person to live with in the corps. You've been a good friend and confidant, and I thank you for it. Somehow we escaped the curse that picked off so many other roommates, as well as Vern and Belmont's funk. It couldn't be anything but the grace of God. I think we've heeded the words of that wise man in taking the time to get to know each other and God willing the rest of our lives will bear out the prophecy of his words. I wish you all the best in your endeavors, and hope that wherever we wind up, our paths cross again.

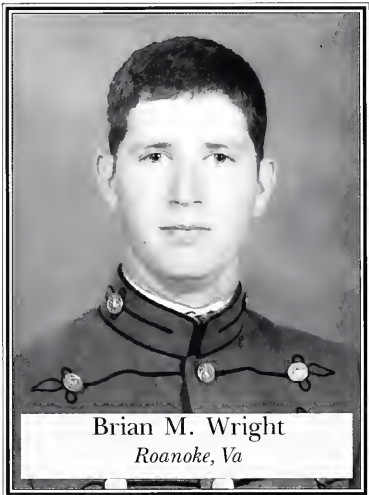
1st Plt Sgt, 2nd Plt Lt 1st House Mountain 3.23,
Glee Club 3.2, President 1, Triathlon Club 4.3, CIC 2&1,
Equestrian Club, 21, RDC Operations Officer, 1st, English Society 3.21

Dyke Line
1998 - Paul Moosman
2004 - Brian 'Pico' Hall

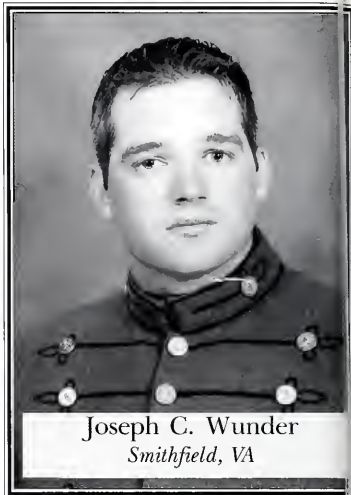




Adam Woytowich
Virginia Beach, VA



Brian M. Wright
Roanoke, Va



Joseph C. Wunder
Smithfield, VA

*International Studies ~ Army
Woytow, Whoa-tee, Whatchamacalit*

*Business & Economics ~ Air Force
Stickboy, VMbody01*

Electrical Engineering ~ Air Force

It is comforting to know that I am not the only one saying to myself "where do I start?" For nothing we say as a class, nor as individuals, can describe how much this place, this VMI, has changed our lives. We have only memories to unlock the experiences we have shared. Whether it was power-stroking or balling up corporals, confinement or chill sessions on the stoop, answering specials to the DC, or drinking at The Palms... good or bad, we were in it together, as a class, as a "BAND OF BROTHERS."

I want to thank my parents, Kelly, and Tara for their countless amounts of love and support. To my roommates Os, Sid, P, and Ryan, we've been through it all. I wouldn't have this diploma in my hand without you guys. Drew, B, Rich, Co, Grilli, B-Mac, Ro, Dan, Mike, Chris, and Z, you will never be forgotten...GOOD LUCK IN ALL YOU DO. To Stef and my room 139 rats, take heed; the hardest part about this place is the next 3 years...believe me.

"We the willing, led by the unknowing, are doing the impossible for the ungrateful. We have been doing so much, for so long, with so little, we are now qualified to do anything with nothing." To you VMI, I bid farewell.

What to say about VMI in my final months? In my huge animosity, I can't very well compliment my education. I think it best not to comment either way. That way, this paragraph will be relevant in my younger years, when I'm sure I'll still have these harsh feelings; as well as in my older years, when I might be one of those guys with red suspenders and yellow points. So, I'll just keep my tone bland. I came here, I went through it all, and I finished. Thank God! (Take that in whatever context applicable)

I thank God for blessing me, being able to attend VMI and meet all the people I have met here is an unforgettable experience that I will cherish forever. I thank my parents for pushing me my entire life; without you I would be no where. I love you both very deeply. I thank my sister for being strong and showing me so much just by action. I am sorry for never telling you until now I love you. I thank my brother for helping me to open my mind to life and the wonders it has to offer. love you. Delta thanks for always putting a smile on my face and helping me to get through. I (Gary) it's been real. I feel like I gained a brother these years we been together. We have helped each other out a lot, and I know Becca and Mary are thankful for that. Any time you need anything just give a call and you know I gotcha. Dove, hey what an unbelievable four years. You been there for me ways and that will never leave me. Anytime you need anything you know my number. Brian, all I can say is give everything you got and if you need anything I am still your dyke. I gotcha, I know you can't. Becca, surprised you're in here? You mean the way to me there is no way I could leave you out of the love you baby, always and forever.

C. Rot, 3rd CPL, MSG, C. CO; HC AP 2; HC VP/Pras. 1; Dean's List 4, 21, Sigma Delta Pi 21; Tutor 21, Ecuador 3; Ac. Late Night Soc. 3, 21; B-Mac Van Excursionist 21; I-81 Road Scholar 21, Bottoms Up Club 4, 3, 21; Prisoner of cellblocks 442, 322, 222, and 139; IHTFP 4, 3, 21

Varsity soccer, English and Spanish honor society, English and Spanish clubs

OGA 1, Strength and Fitness 4, Assimilation Committee 1, Intramural Basketball 3

Dyke Line

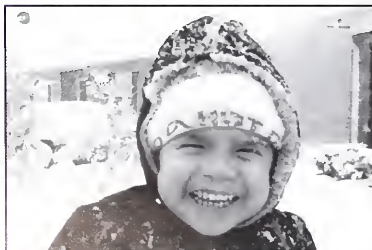
1998 - Marc P. Clemente
2004 - Hrvoje "Head" Glasnovic

Dyke Line

1998 - Tom Warburton
2004 - Sarah Johnson, Matt Park

Dyke Line

1998 - Rob Bopp
2004 - Brian Douglas, Adrian Preciuc





Aaron M. Yarbough
Cheltenham, MD



Victor E. Zottig
Round Hill, VA



Adam R. Zydron
Chesapeake, VA

Mechanical Engineering ~ Air Force

Chemistry ~ Army

Civil Engineering ~ Air Force

No History Submitted

At VMI, it seems like you are stuck in a surreal environment, each day seems to take forever to get through, but the weeks, months, and years go by quickly. I cannot say I regret coming to VMI. It has shown me my limitations, but it has shown that I can work hard and have patience. I have never made friends so quickly and trust them with my personal thoughts and that's something unique. We have all suffered here and a few of us made the good fight all the way to graduation, everyone fighting their own battle. For myself it has been an intense struggle and one I don't wish to repeat. I would like to thank "Doc" Jones for his support and knowledge, my dykes Brian, Matt, and Sean for getting me through the Ratline, my Rats George, James, Jim "Beam", Gould, Chipper, and Joe for helping me see the other side of the dyke line. Best of luck to you and I hope you have learned something from me. And my current roommates Eric and Erich for being constant companions through my endless griping. I would never put myself through 4 years of VMI again, but maybe the old cliché is true. VMI's a nice place to be from and not a nice place to be at.

I haven't come to the reality that VMI has done anything for me, except how to not lead individuals. Maybe I will see things differently one day. Over these 4 years I have seen people leave my life which was followed by new people in my life. I've met my closest friends and there were secrets that will never be shared. No regrets! I will truly miss each one of you as we go our own ways. Hazelwood I hope that one day I can play on the PGA golf course you built. Jicha I hope you come back from Cali and be successful in the enviro world, surfs up. Rodgers, hope Alabama will be as successful as Virginia was to you, come back anytime when you wanna put the stripe in the boat. Thanks to my family for believing in me.

Colonel Z. Who took your turkey? It's my turkey. Pimpin'. ZydronAR. How hungry are you? Lemme borrow some of that hair gel. The list! Watch your eyes, Colonel is shooting the BB gun again. You think you can shoot through that hole? What's the lock combination again? Gobble Gobble and strut through Eeeyes Right. 3 of your friends exgirlfriends??? Bye! Bye!

S-4 LT 1 Color Sergeant 2 CPL 3 Reg band 34 Pep band 34 ACS 1,2,34 Eagle Scout Assoc. 1,2,34 Big Red Club 1,2,3 Triathlon 1,2 Civil War Round Table 1

Dyke Line

1998 - Brian Bowes, Matt Baldwin
2004 - George Cushman, James Doherty

Dyke Line

1998 - John Strock
2004 - Will Beale



Commissioning 2001



Air Force



Army



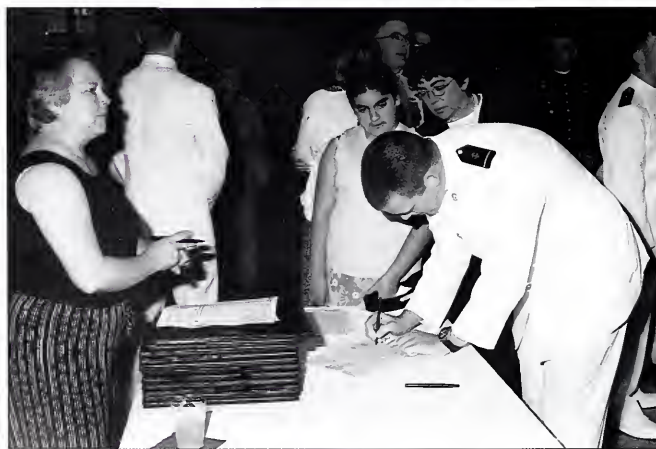
Marine Corps



Navy









Graduation



Sen. John McCain gives his address to the Class of 2001



Valedictorian John Niederhaus addresses the Class of 2001







First Class

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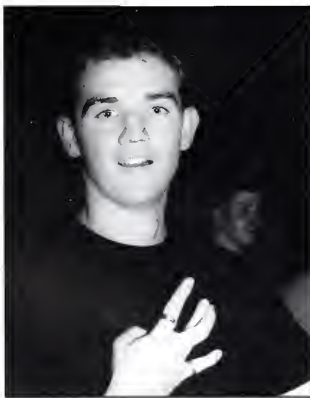
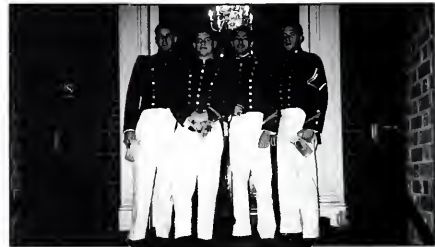


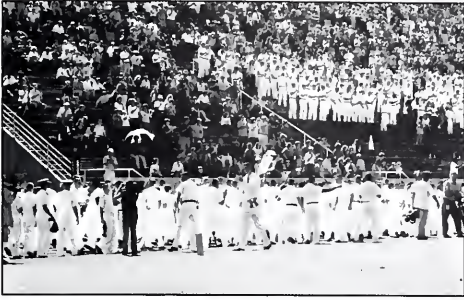
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THE CLASS OF 2002

The story of the class of 2002 began on August 17, 1998. In the sweltering heat of the late Virginia summer, over 400 young men and women arrived in Lexington to start their cadetships at the "I". The mass of 99+3 was the second class in the history of the Institute to contain women. VMI had not yet managed to shake off all of the TV cameras and curious journalists that were prowling around on post. Therefore, the mass got its 15 minutes of fame as it met its cadre while being watched from above by television camera crews.

In the following week the class learned to drill and wear its uniforms properly, while at the same time being introduced to the intricate system that is VMI. During this week the class took its first stumbling steps towards unity and brotherhood.

In the next six months one could see the rat mass of 99+3 struggle over the obstacles laid in front

of it by the upper classes. With the help of dykes, families, and each other the rat mass of 99+3 persevered through the ratline and was declared by the class of 1999 as fit for breaking out in February 1999. The event took place on the 28th of February and culminated with an 18-mile road march to the New Market Battlefield - a place the class had visited almost six months earlier to take its cadet oath.

The rat mass of 99+3 had finally completed its transition to become the class of 2002. The remainder of fourth class year ran its course without any major incidents and the class made itself ready to assume leadership positions in the corps after the summer.

Third class year found the class reduced in numbers. Many had not made it all the way through the ratline, while others fell by the wayside because of the academic demands of the Institute. Third class year would also offer even more academic challenges, which would



thin the ranks of 2002 even more. The members of the class of 2002 soon realized why third class year is referred to as the "academic ratline".

However, there were good times for the class, too. The extended freedoms allowed the class members to take weekends and travel to see girlfriends and friends at other nearby colleges. Others not graced with weekends because of confinement or PT's, entertained themselves on the stoop with the rats and other extracurricular activities. Some managed to escape the barracks altogether and traveled abroad to study at another school of their choice.

By the end of the trials and tribulations of third class year a new mile stone in the cadetships of the members of the class began to appear in the distance - Ring Figure. The preparations for the big event slowly began to progress.

After the summer of 2000 the class returned to

the "1" in a lighter mood. Not only was third class year, with its brutal academics and sadistic TAC's, over, but the long awaited Ring Figure was not so far away anymore.

The preparations for the event stepped up significantly as the fall semester of 2000 progressed. Finally, on the 10th of November the class received its rings. The joy of finally receiving the ring was made more memorable by the football game win over the Citadel the same weekend. The celebration continued through the whole weekend. Due to the intense partying it was hard to find a wake and alert second classman on Sunday evening. The Ring Figure for the class of 2002 was rated as one of the best in years.

As this history of 2002 is being written, the class is gearing up for another period of finals in the cold winter climate of the Shenandoah Valley. The class is sure to pull through this one as well.





21 July 2001

To the Class of 2001.

Two or three hours after I handed you your VMI diplomas, the Post – your home for four years – was empty. Not quite. There were a few cars purling along, stuffed with the detritus of your cadetship; here and there children in barracks, collecting what you left behind. By the next morning, when I walked over to Jackson Arch, there was only one cadet left, a forlorn straggler sitting on a trunk, waiting for someone. About a month later, I talked to one of your Brother Rats – a new graduate living in Colorado. I told him I'd just met with the new pre-strains, the STP contingent that will in the fullness of time become the Class of 2005. When I told him the line went silent for a moment. We were thinking the same thing. You are finished with VMI, they are barely at the starting gate, you are two classes that will not know each other. You – '01, knew '98, and loved them – and they, like you, were a great VMI class. But you did not know '97. The class that famously, and with forbearing nobility, left its sabers and shakos on the Parade Ground. When you leave VMI, when your cadetship ends, there is a terrible finality to it all, and it hurts, and hurts seriously. For all the February mornings, all the struggles, stresses, disputes, cynical outbursts, times of despair, times of rage...for all these, after a month or so away from the Institute, there is a terrible emptiness, and a sorrowful realization that all those unbelievable intense times and intense friendships are gone, are passed away. Never to return.

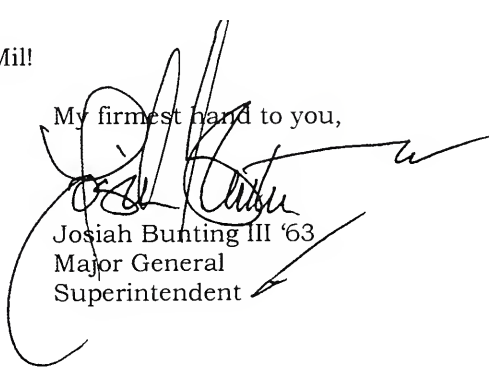
What is left to you, what is left to those who have been through it and come out safely, commissions, diplomas, rings, degrees having been granted – or, rather, earned. An intense sense of brotherhood – of family. The cliché is right: sustained immersion in hardship does cement friendship. An active conscience that knows and will always, implacably, remind you when you are not doing it right – whatever act or action or word of which you are the author. A memory of a great teacher or coach. And that peculiar, forgivable determination that those who follow undergo pretty much what you lived through.

'01 was a great VMI class. You had style, you were close to each other, you were virtually without cliques – that is, lumps of athletes or scholars or militarists who couldn't abide others not like them. You embodied, as I said, the legacy of '98, and you will ever be linked in my mind with the men of that class.

You know what a great school this is. Over the last half-dozen years the whole country has learned our - your - mettle. You have before you a long line of gifts and obligations: The gifts - you will be given them ten or twenty times a year - occur in the following way. You meet someone. He says, where'd you go to school? You say, VMI. And he says, Hell of a school - or something quite close to it. What he means by that is this: VMI is a place that is pure commitment to what it believes in, and unwilling to compromise principle, unwilling to mitigate hardship when it thinks hardship has a purpose. Millions of Americans know little of VMI, but what they do know is quite close to this: Hell of a School. And the obligations? There is really one obligation only: for the rest of your life, act like you went here. A great English professor from another era would shoot me for saying it that way, but somehow it seems to say it right.

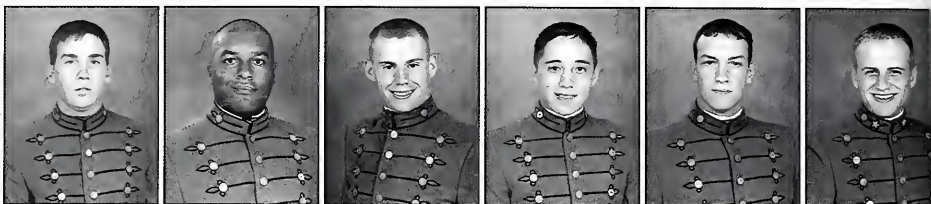
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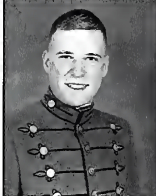


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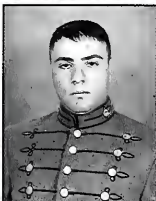
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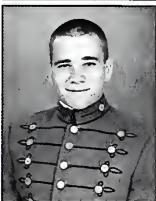
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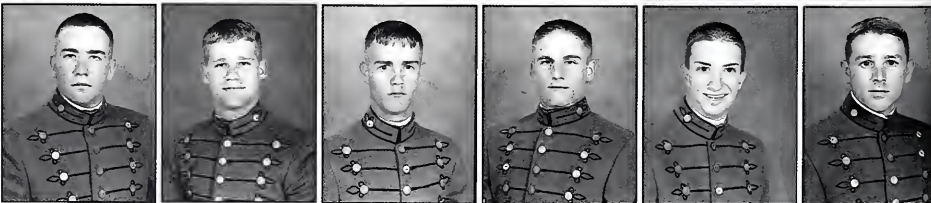
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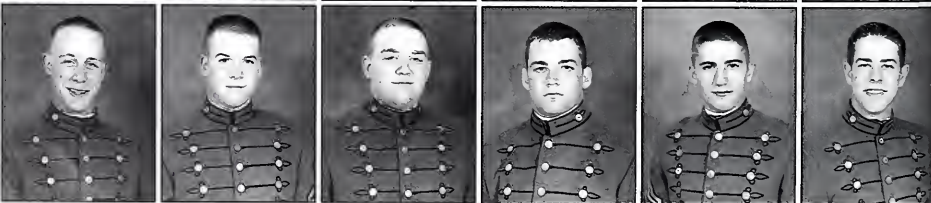
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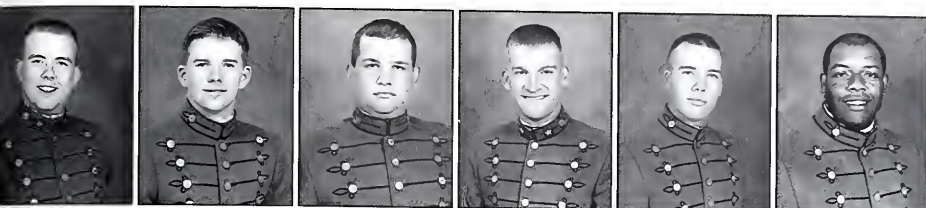


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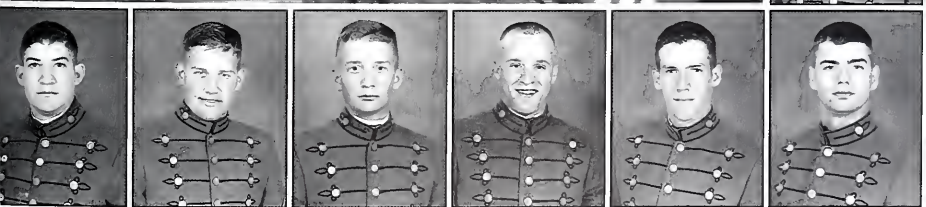
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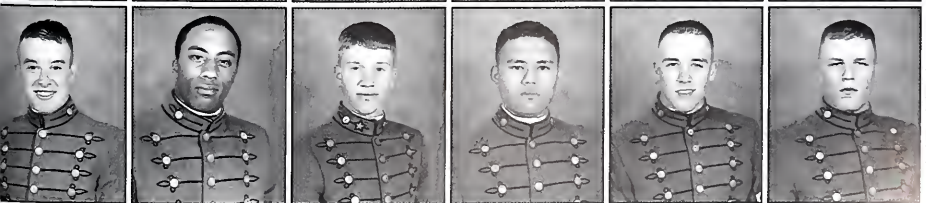
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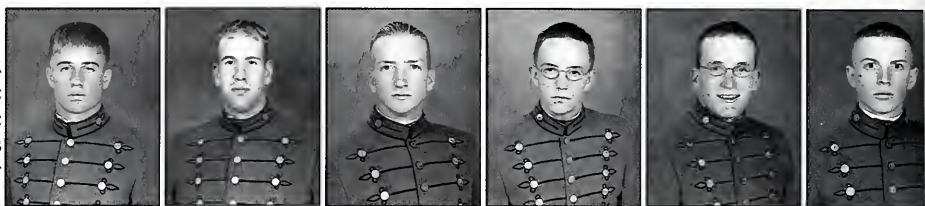


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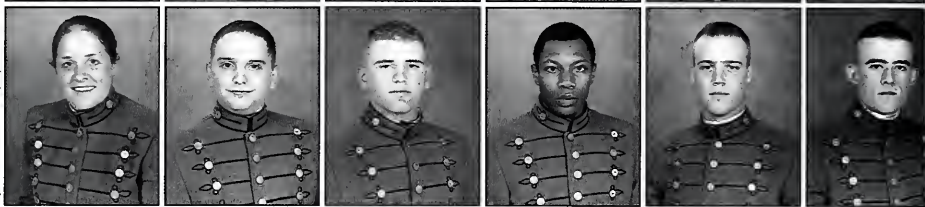


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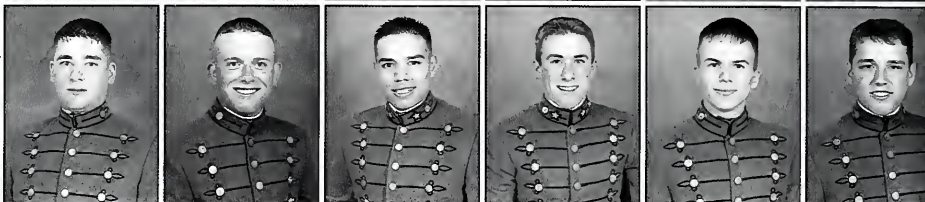
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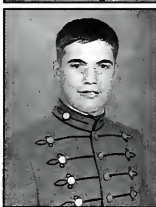
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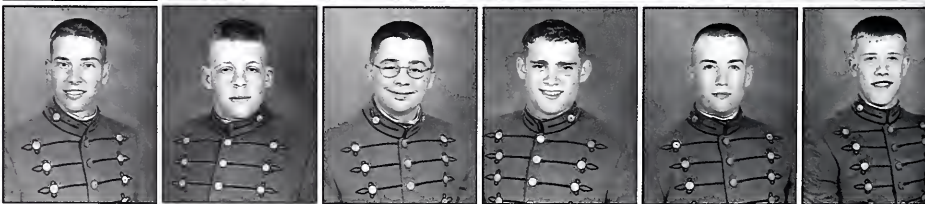
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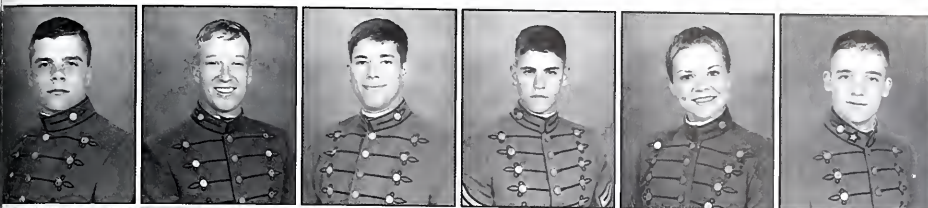


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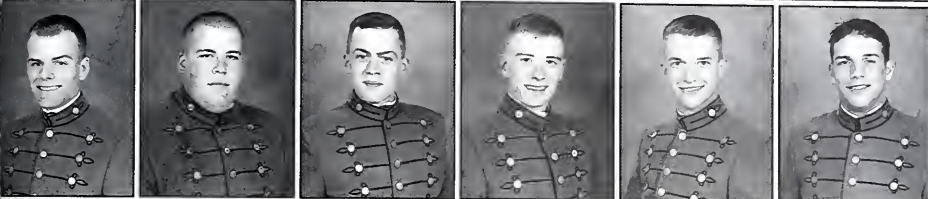


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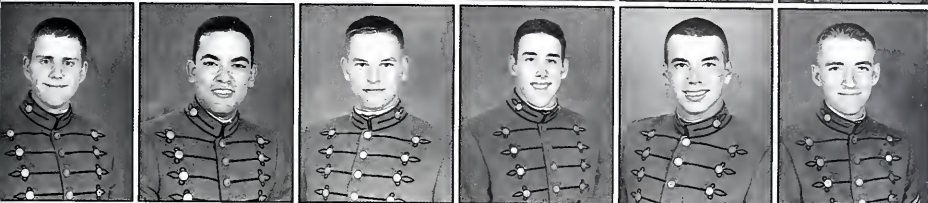




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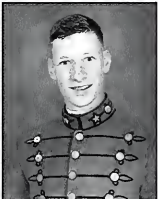
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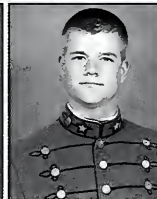
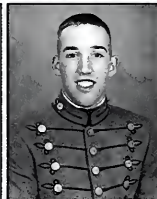
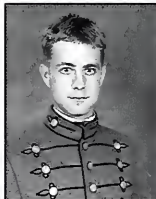
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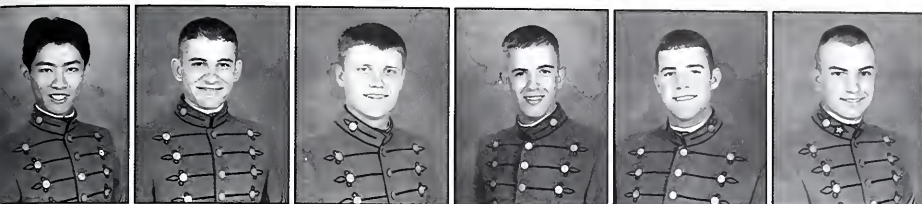


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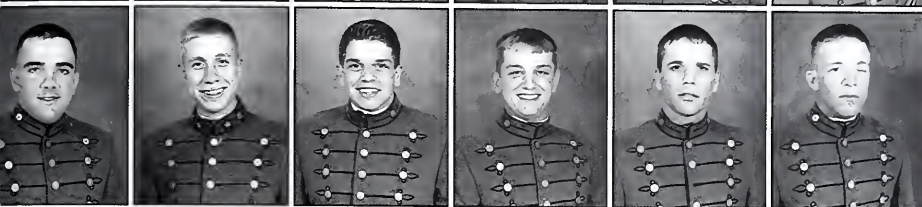


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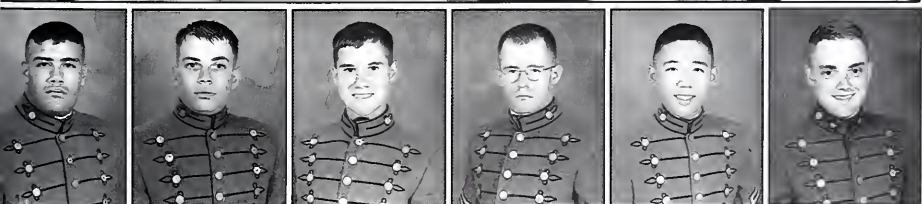




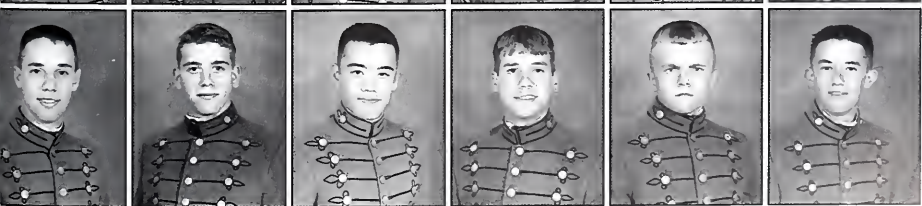
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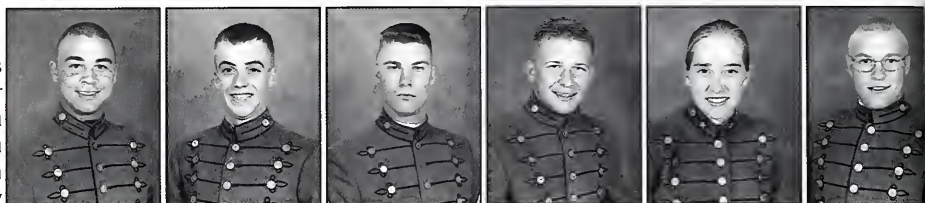


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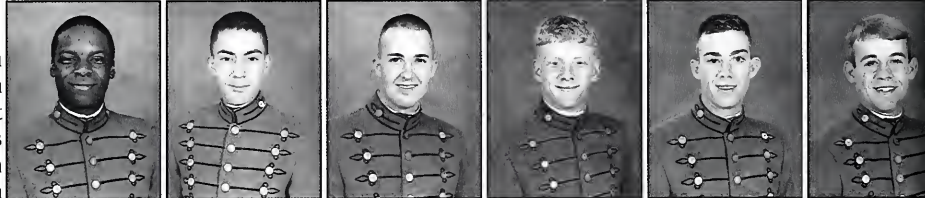


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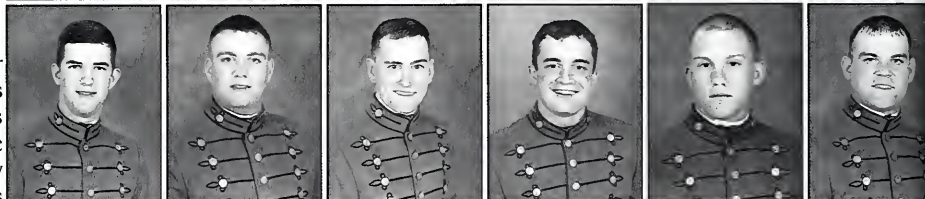
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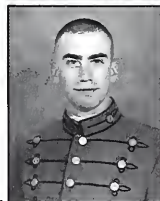
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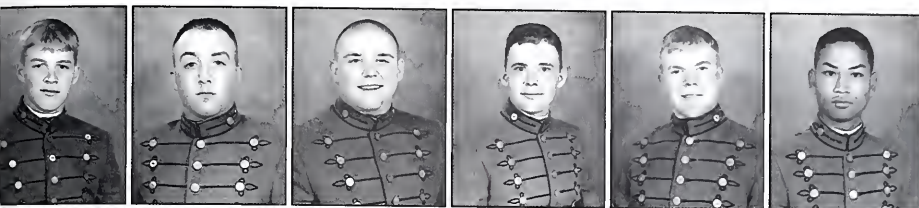


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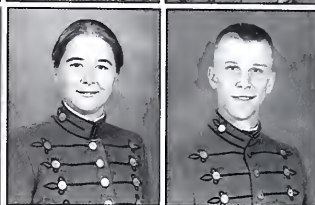


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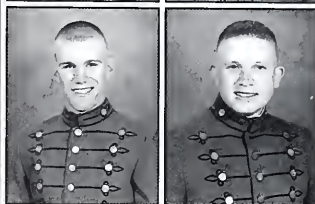




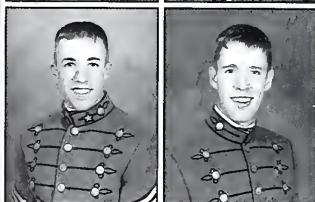
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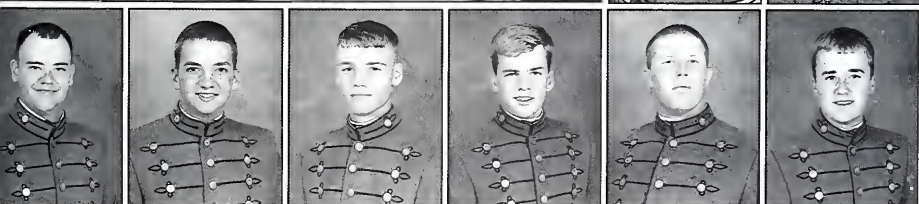
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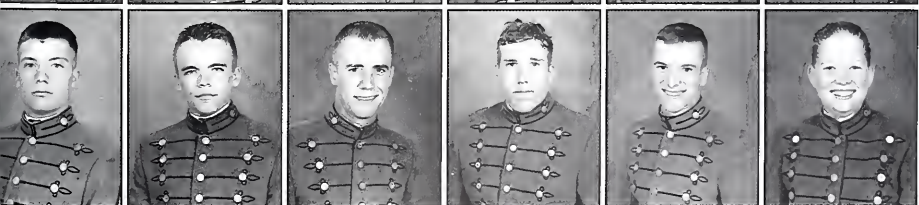
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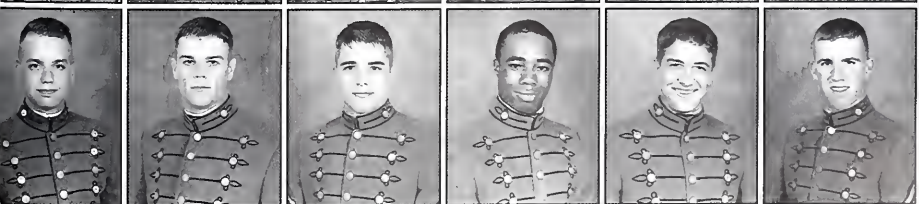


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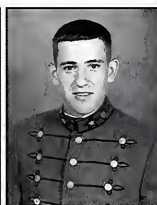
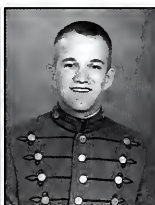
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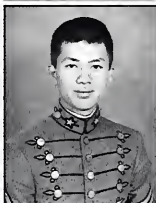


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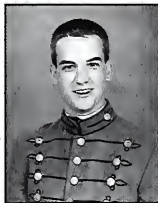
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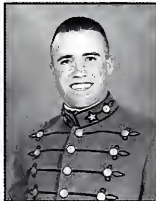
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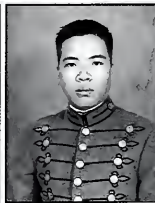
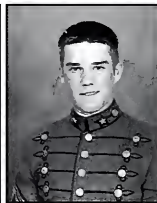
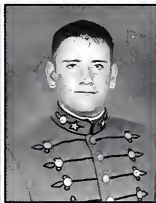
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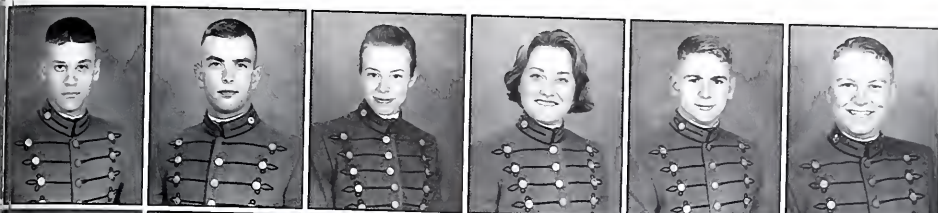


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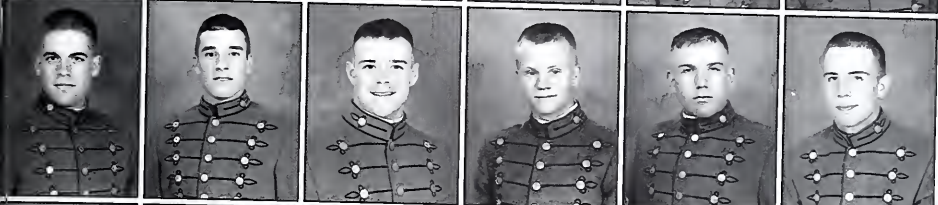


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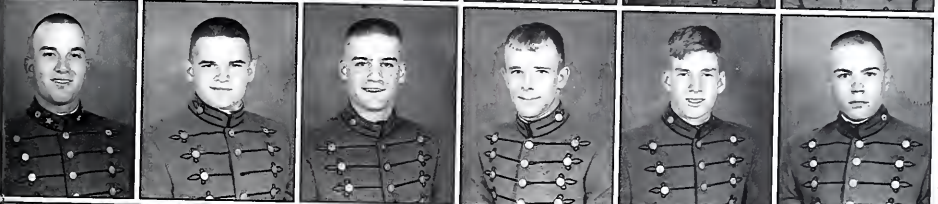




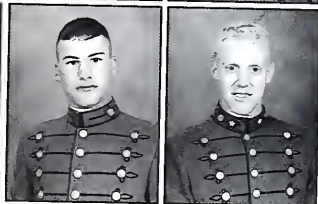
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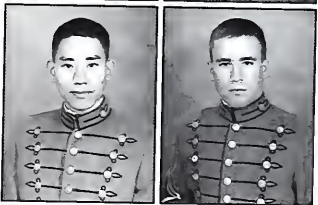
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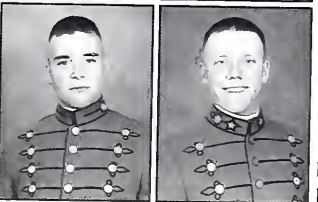
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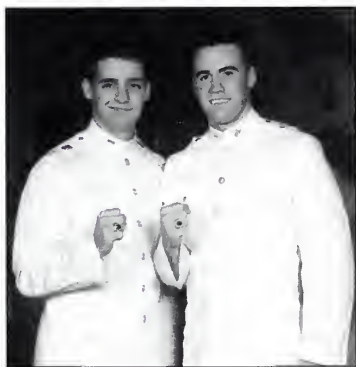
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CLASS OF 2002

We Will Not Be Forgotten

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The Class of 2003



The class of 2003 has shared numerous experiences together during the last two years. We have also been witnesses to copious changes throughout the Institute. We have strained together, sweated together, studied together, and laughed together. Together we completed an 18-mile march to New Market, and together we climbed breakout hill. We have shared the first of many old yells for the class of 2003. We have witnessed the graduation of the last all-male class to enter the Institute. We have born witness to a new dynasty in the

Commandant's Office. We have marched penalty tours, been on confinement (some longer than others), suffered through innumerable formations, and endured the daily rigors of cadet life. We have shared the pain of losing a brother. Through all of these experiences we have grown closer and stronger as a class. We have emerged as a tightly woven family, a cohesive unit to which we pledge our undivided loyalty.

We arrived on the scene, 425 high school graduates beginning a journey into an unknown realm.

We have come a long way since that humid August day. Now, two years later we find ourselves half way through that journey. We have a long way to go, but I look forward to spending it with the closest friends I have ever had. There is much ahead for us, but we have already succeeded in making the class of 2003 one in which we will forever take pride.

Thomas Francis Hancock IV
Historian, 2003



In Memorium



Barrett F. McIlhenny

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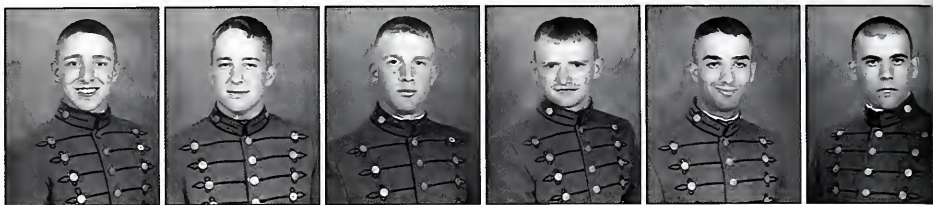
On January 21, 2001, I stood next to Barrett McIlhenny as bacterial meningitis took his life. This was by far the most tragic incident I have ever experienced, but it was an honor to stand next to Barrett as he left to be with the Lord. Those who were fortunate enough to know Barrett as I did will always remember him as being a dedicated, hard working, and enjoyable person. I did not know Barrett until the fall semester of my Rat year, but he quickly became one of the closest friends I have ever had. Right after New Year's Day of 2001, we traveled to Oxford where we had intended to do a semester abroad together. I shared some of the most challenging, interesing experiences of my life with Barrett, both at VMI and during the short time I got to spend with him in Oxford. Barrett was like a brother to me.

Barrett excelled in everything he did. At VMI, he was at the top of his class academically and militarily. He consistently worked hard to succeed. Emotionally and mentally Barrett was one of the strongest people I have ever met. He would do any job well, and without any complaints at all. In addition to all of these admirable traits. Barrett was agreat friend to have around. He could make any occasion enjoyable, which is sometimes hard to do at VMI. Barrett could make a good time out of anything, under any circumstances.

Barrett will be with us always in our hearts and minds. We will never forget him, and I know he will always be missed. I feel so fortunate to have known him as well as I did, and to have spent the time with him that I did. I will forever miss my close friend, Barrett McIlhenny.

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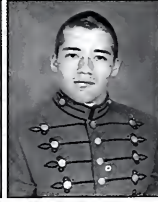
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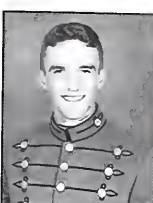


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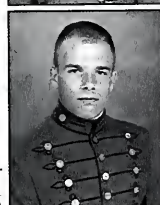
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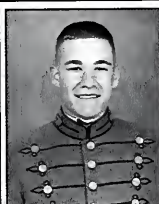
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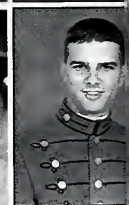
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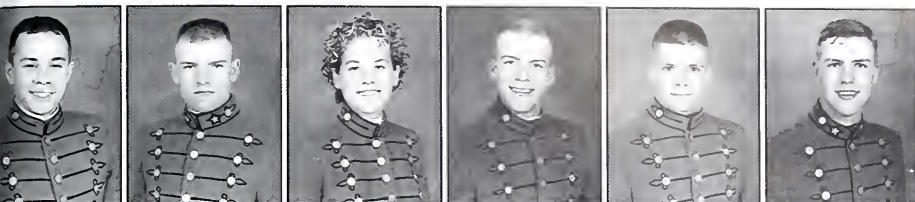


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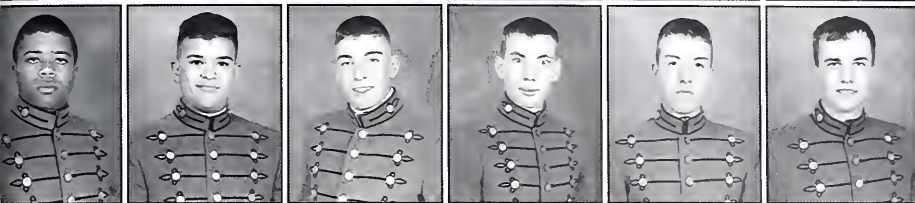


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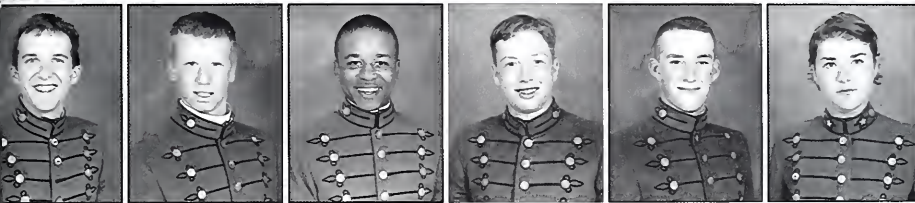




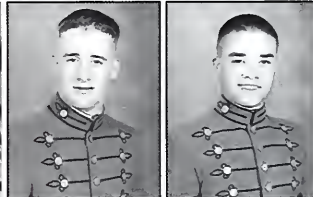
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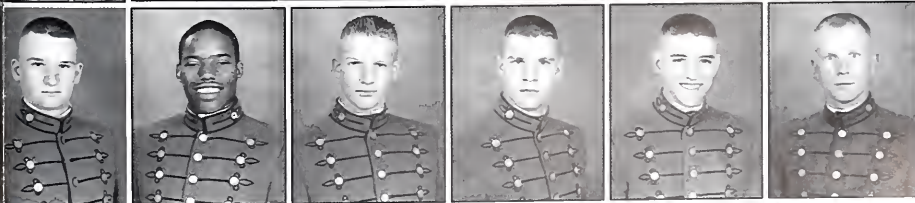
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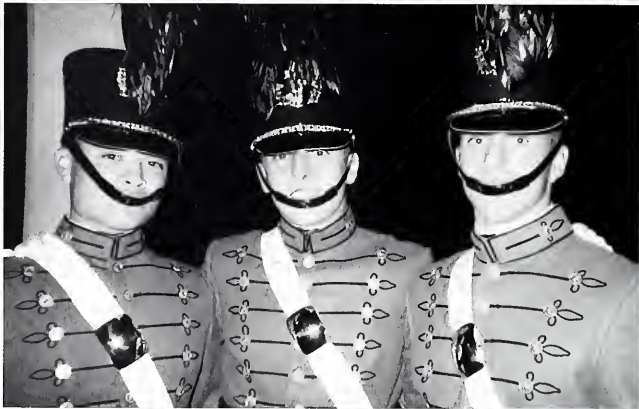


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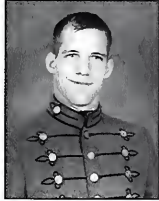
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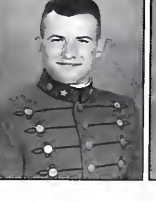
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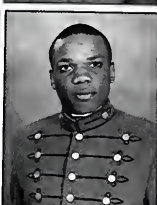
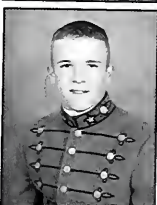


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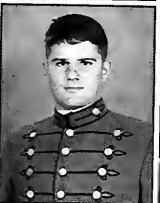
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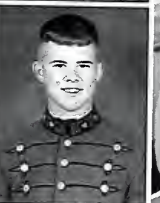
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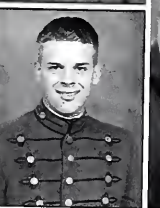
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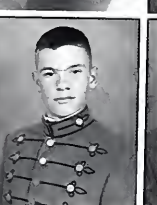
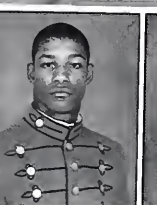
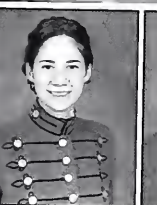
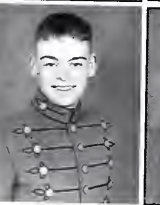
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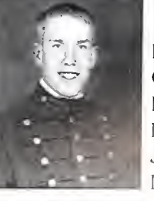
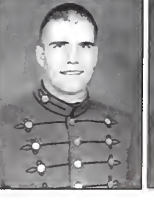
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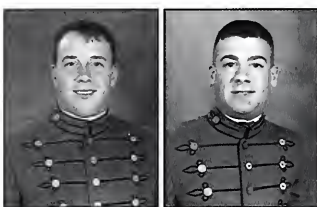


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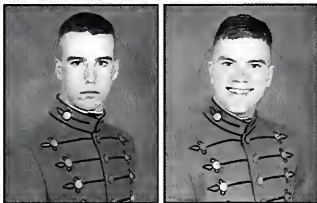


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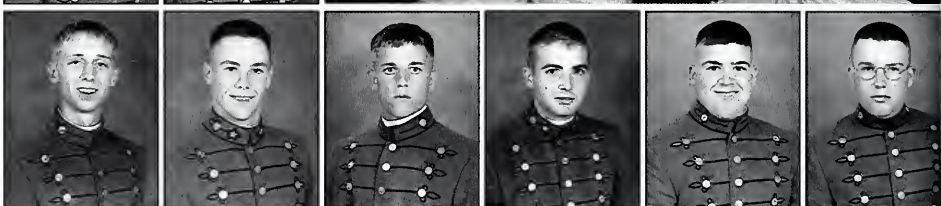
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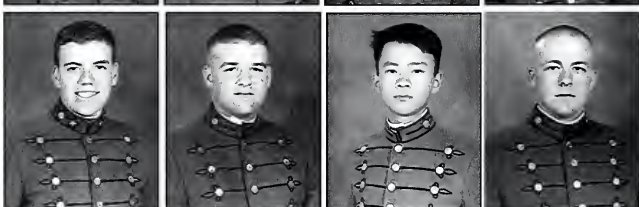
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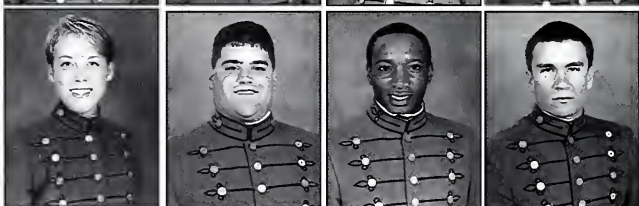
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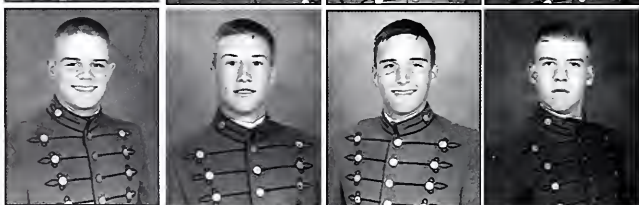
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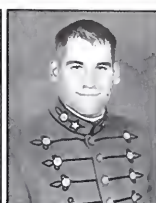


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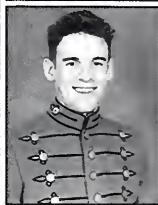




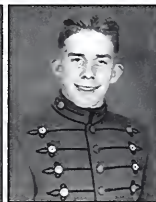
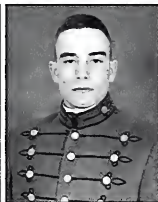
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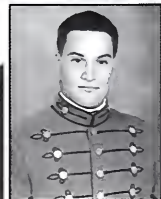
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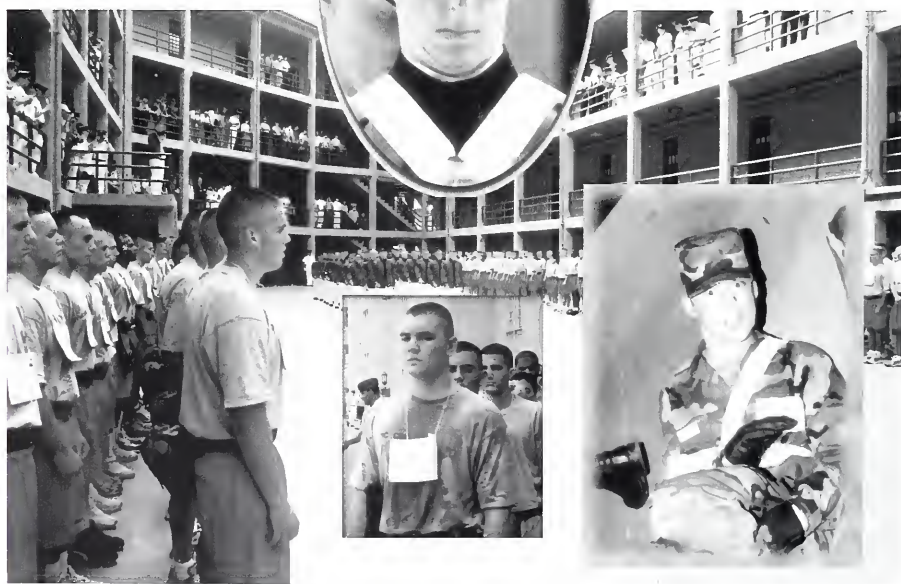
The Class of 2004

On 14 August 2000, approximately 400 nervous individuals signed the matriculation book and sealed their fate for the next four years. The real challenges began 48 hours later on a sweltering day when these 400 came face-to-face with a uniquely different set of instructors, their cadre. The march steps marking the cadre's arrival were as slow as the collective pulse of these young individuals was rapid. With this introduction began the long process of becoming cadets.

These rats now also met their dykes, the ones who would teach them the VMI system. Packed into Jackson Memorial Hall on a Sunday night, also known as Hell Night, the rats were taught the only privilege they would have as rats – straining. They filed into Cocke Hall, where their first sweat party was administered by their dykes, followed by another administered by the second class. Thus ends Hell Night, thus begins the Ratline.

The Ratline was a combination of training and persevering through seemingly mindless and never-ending physical challenges, which were required of all those who signed the matriculation book in August. Seven long months of sweat parties, stoop runs, and failed attempts at riots to prove worthiness, unity and independence were put to the test in one final week in February 2001. The wear and tear of this week was evident by the fatigue felt by all rats.

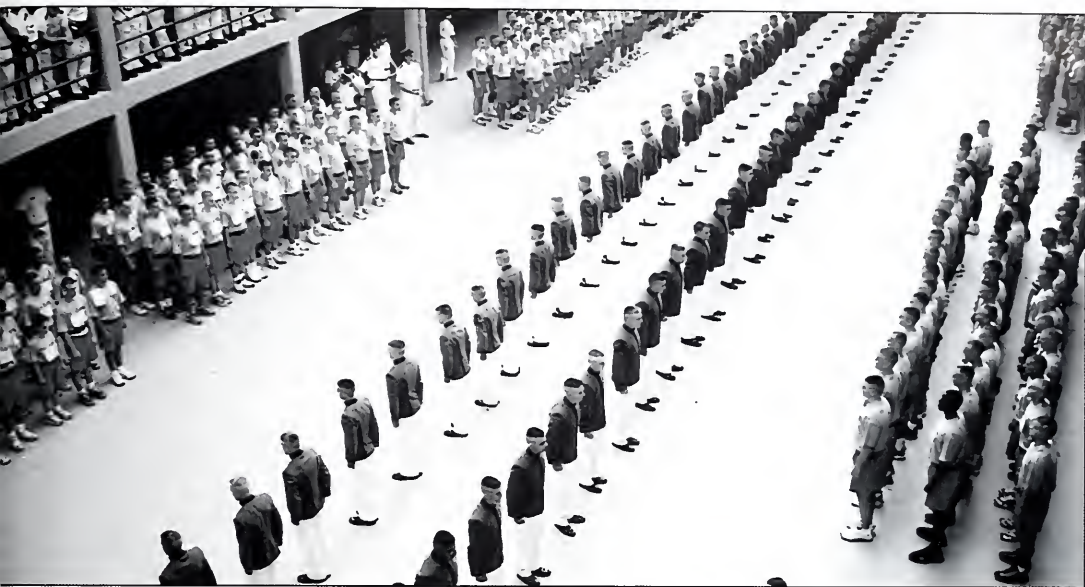
Somehow, they reached down within themselves, pulling out all the determination and strength they could muster. The week's final challenge was a slippery climb up a muddy hill, which took a great effort as upperclassmen held them down and shoved handfuls of wet earth into the mud-saturated rats' mouths. Once that hill was scaled, however, Breakout was completed, and the rat mass became the men and women of the class of 2004.





2001 + 3 MATRICULATION





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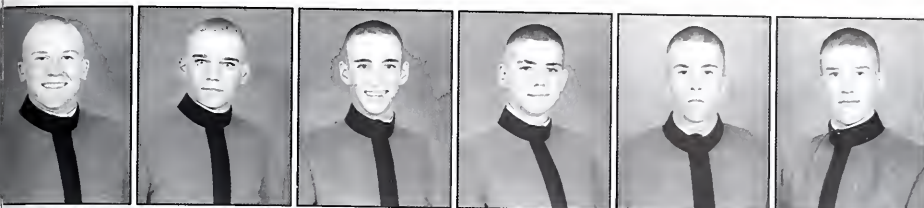


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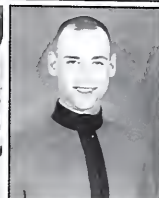


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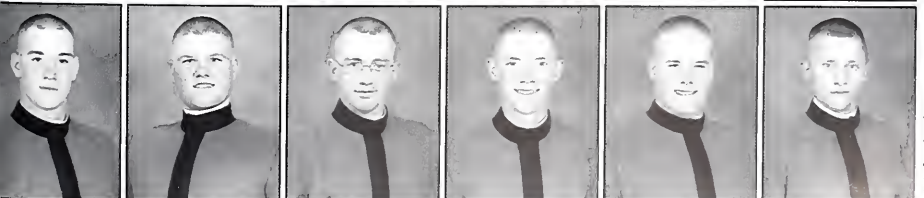
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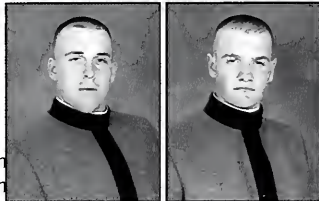


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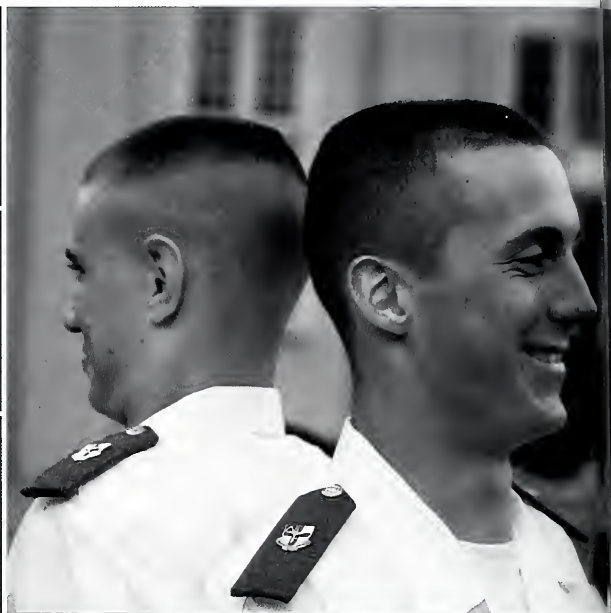
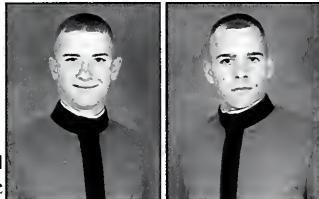
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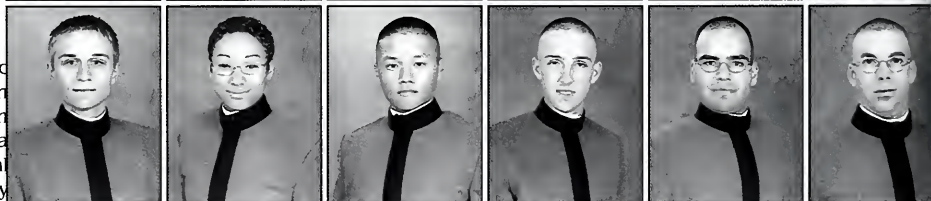
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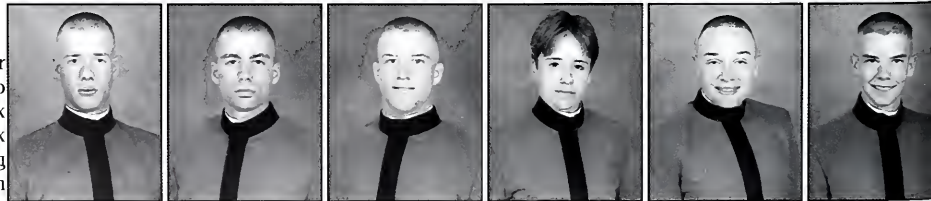
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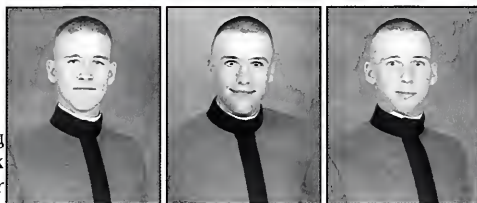
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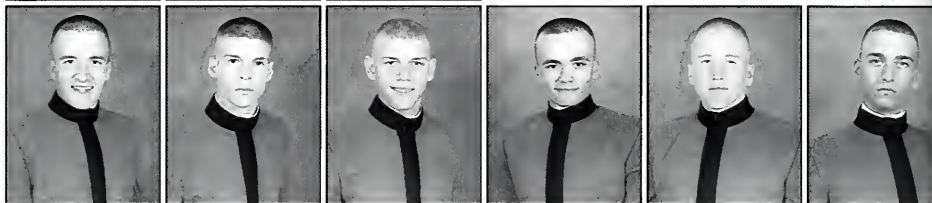
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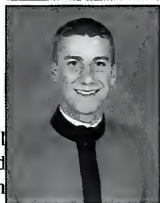
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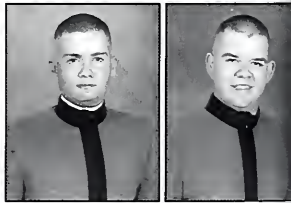
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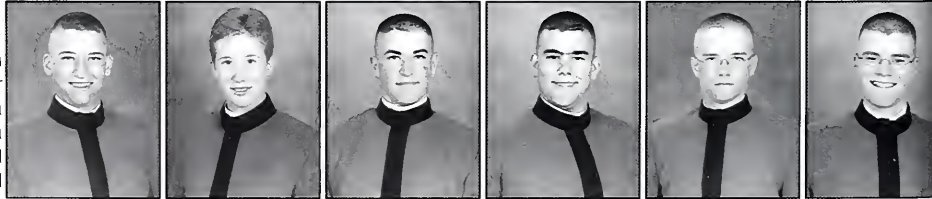
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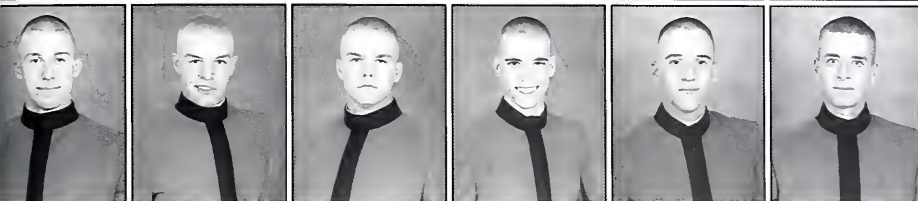


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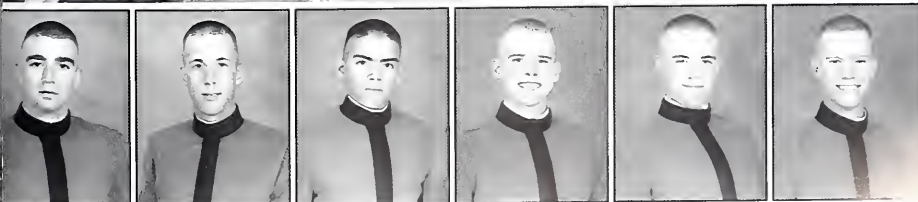
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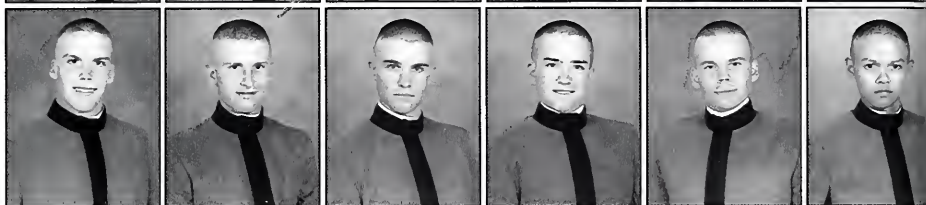


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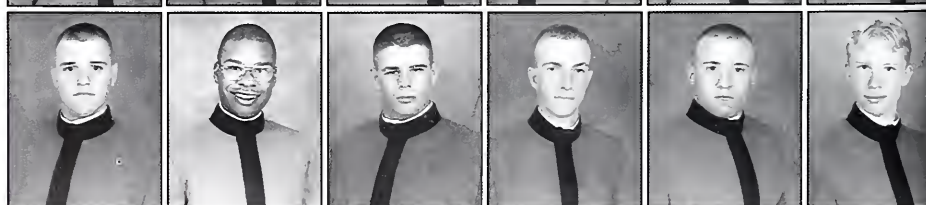
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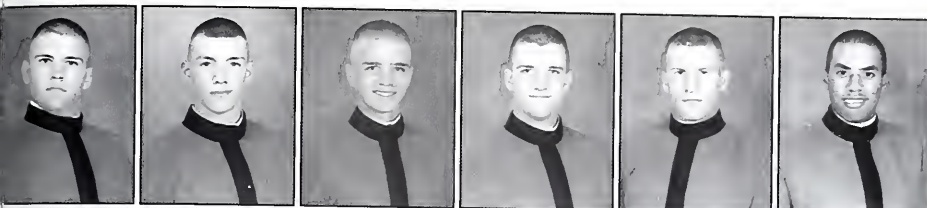


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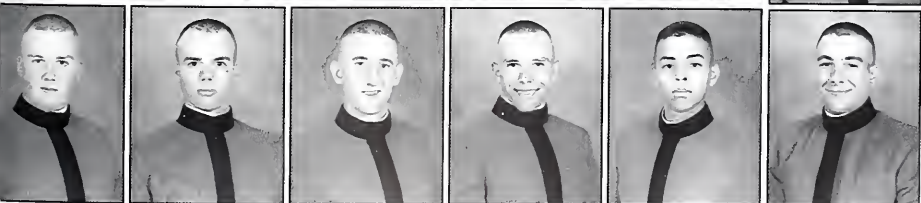
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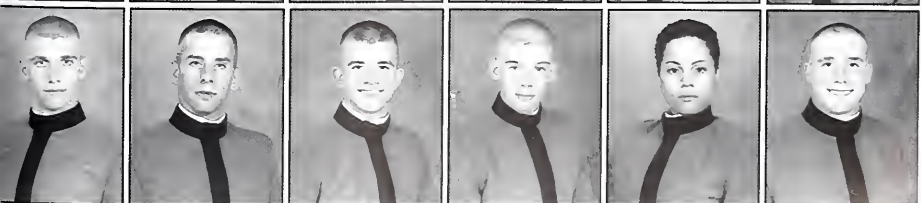
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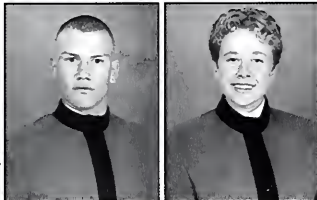


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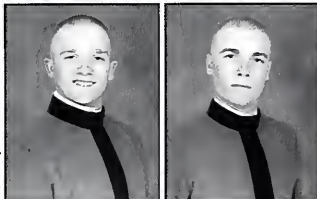
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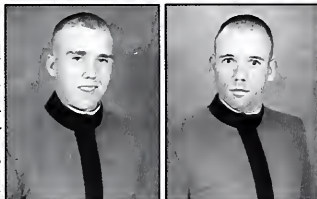
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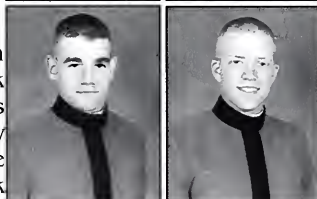
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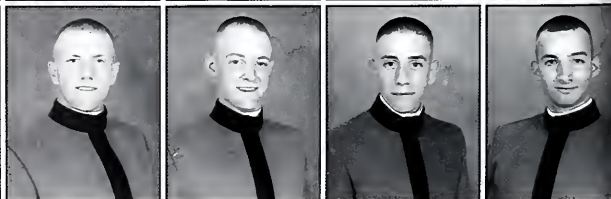
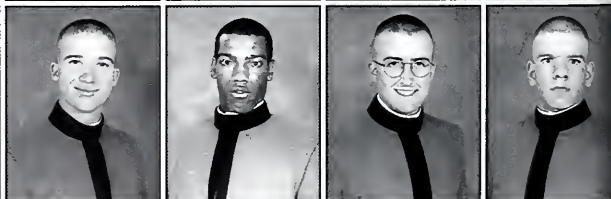
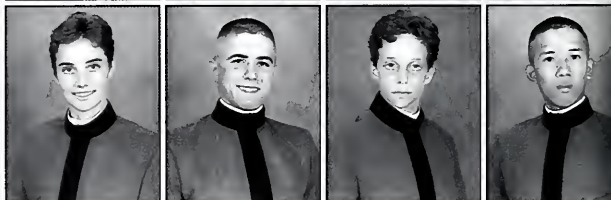
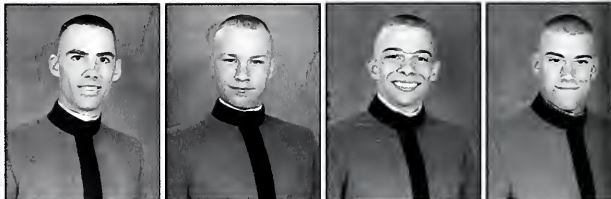
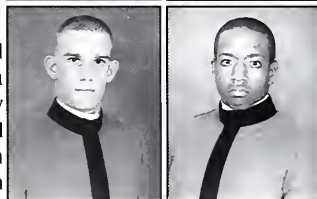
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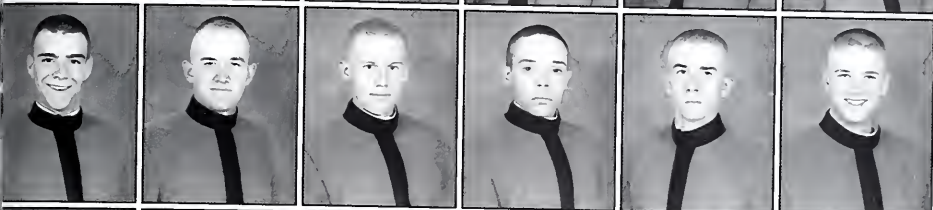


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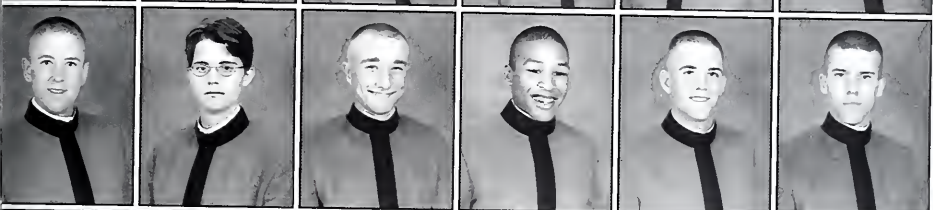




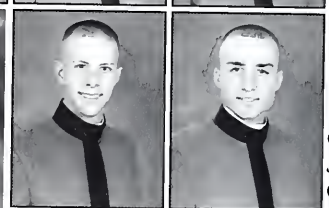
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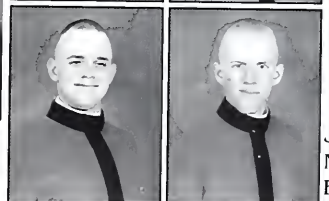
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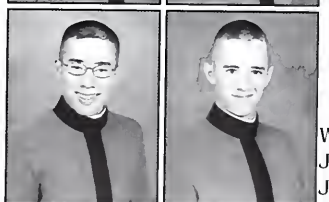
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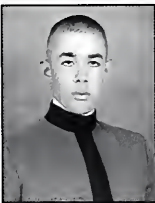


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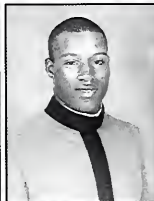
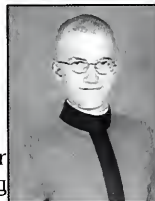
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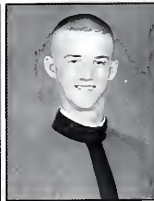
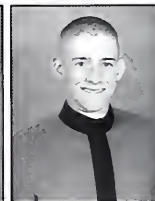
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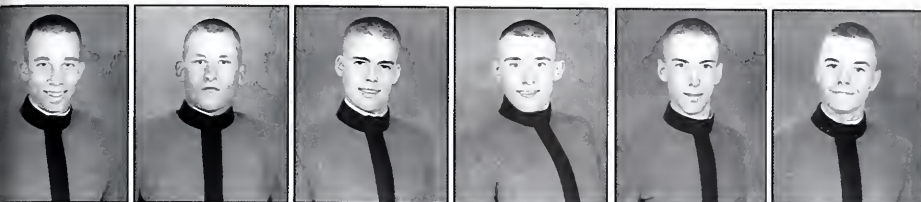


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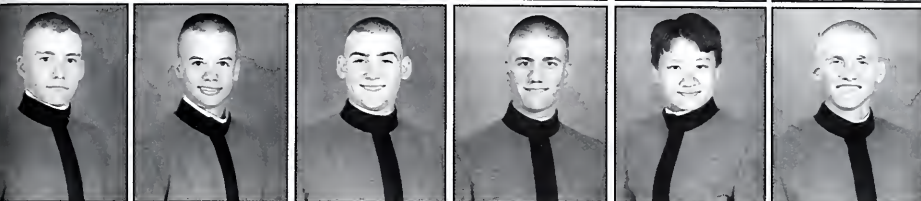


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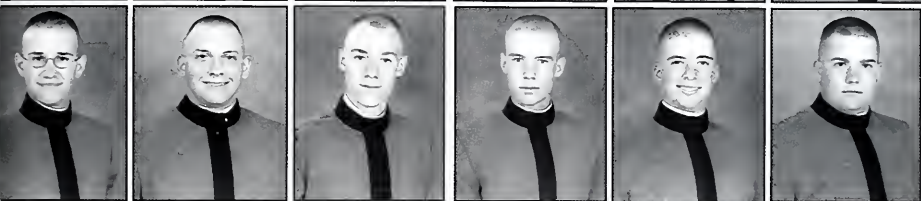




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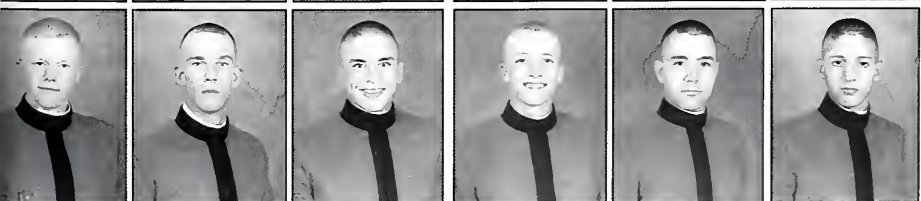
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Dave Nagel's truck falls victim to the rigors of breakout



SI and Hutch reminisce about the old corps



Are we there yet?



The final forced march



Not muddy enough yet



Splash!



You're not at the Point anymore, Mr. "O"



Finally a shower



Charlie Bunting has high expectations for '04



Kill!



Strain harder



We're done

Chain of Command

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As explained in *The 2001 Bullet*:

The Corps of Cadets is organized as an infantry regiment of two battalions and a regimental band company. Each battalion contains four line companies for a total of eight line companies in the regiment.



Companies contain three platoons; each platoon has three squads. The Corps of Cadets is commanded by the Cadet First Captain who reports directly to the Commandant of cadets.

The Regimental Staff consists of an executive officer, adjutant (S-1), academic officer (S-2), operations and training officer (S-3), supply officer (S-4), recruiting and public relations officer (S-5), and athletic officer (S-6). These cadets are all cadet captains, as are the battalion commanders, battalion executive officers, and company commanders.

The battalions are controlled by a staff similar to that of the regiment except that the battalion commander's staff is generally made up of cadet lieutenants.

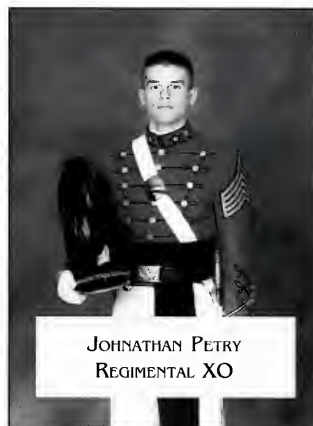
Each company commander is assisted by an executive officer. Each platoon is commanded by a platoon leader, who is a lieutenant. Each company is assigned a tactical officer from the faculty or staff to supervise its military duty.

This year has been marked by an improvement in corps appearance and military bearing. Hopefully, the trend will continue under the guidance of our cadet officers in the years to come.

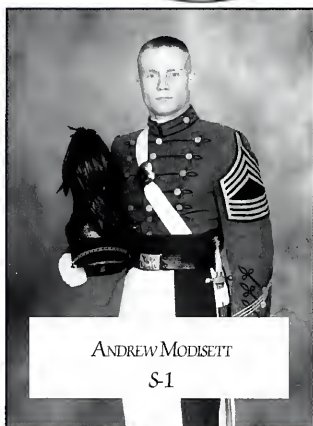
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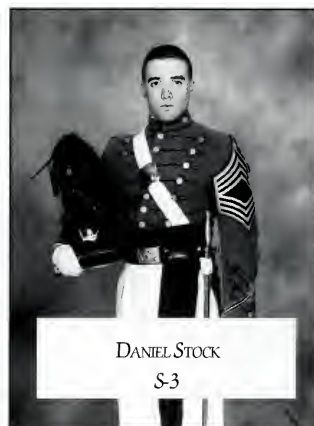
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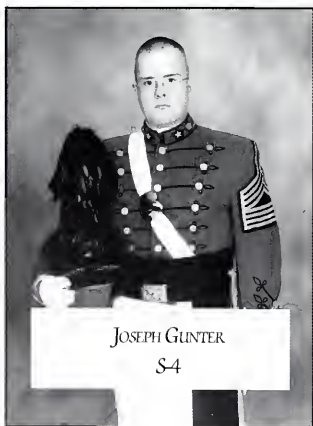
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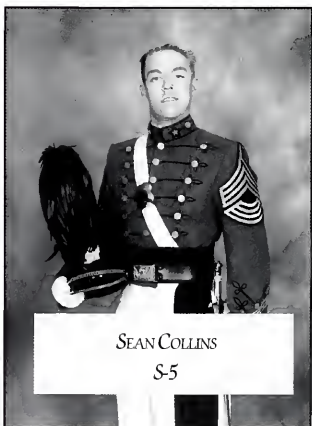
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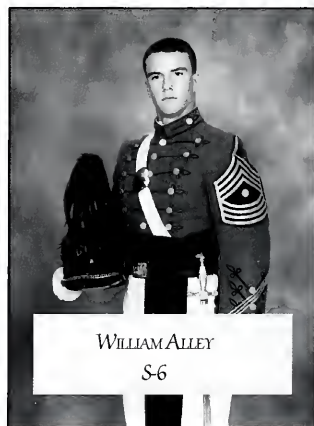
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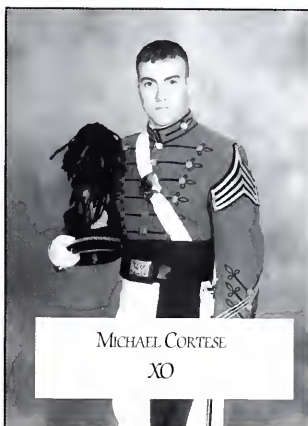


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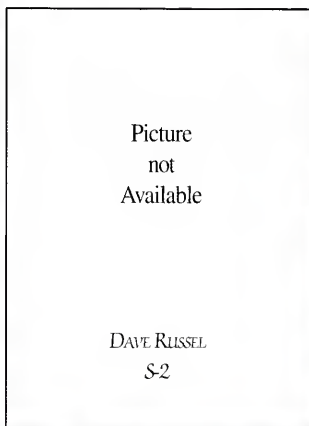
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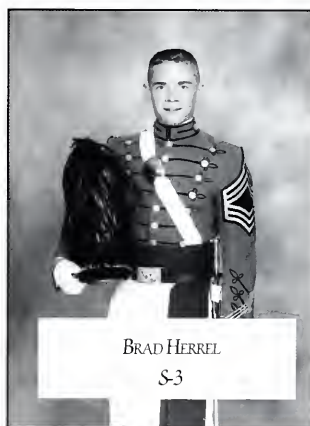


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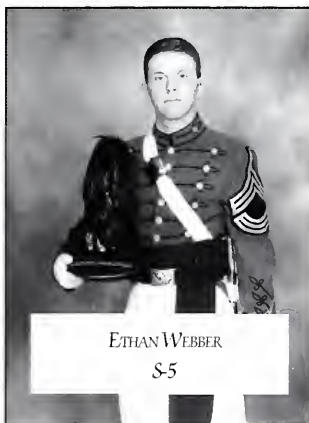
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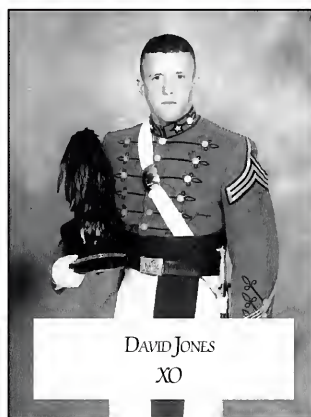


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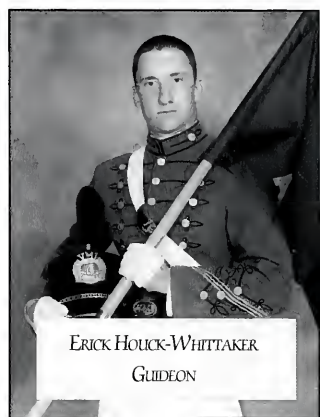
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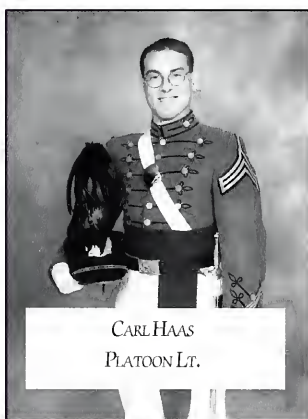
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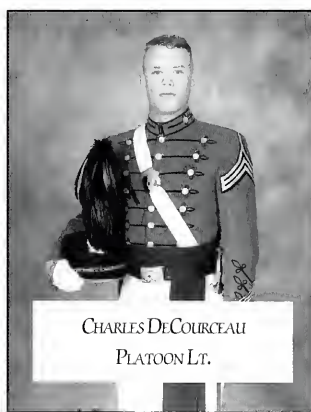
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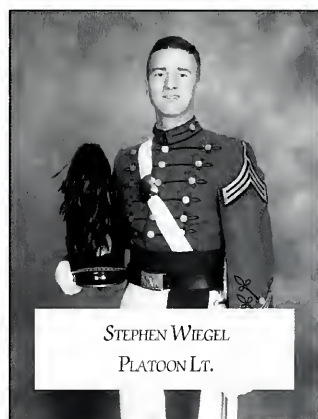
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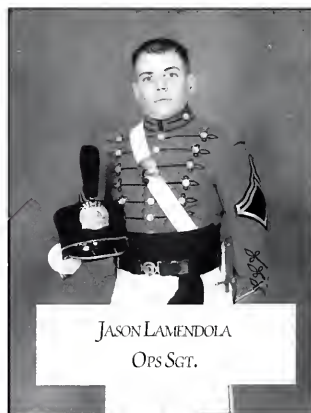
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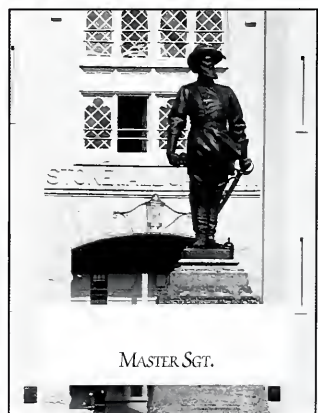
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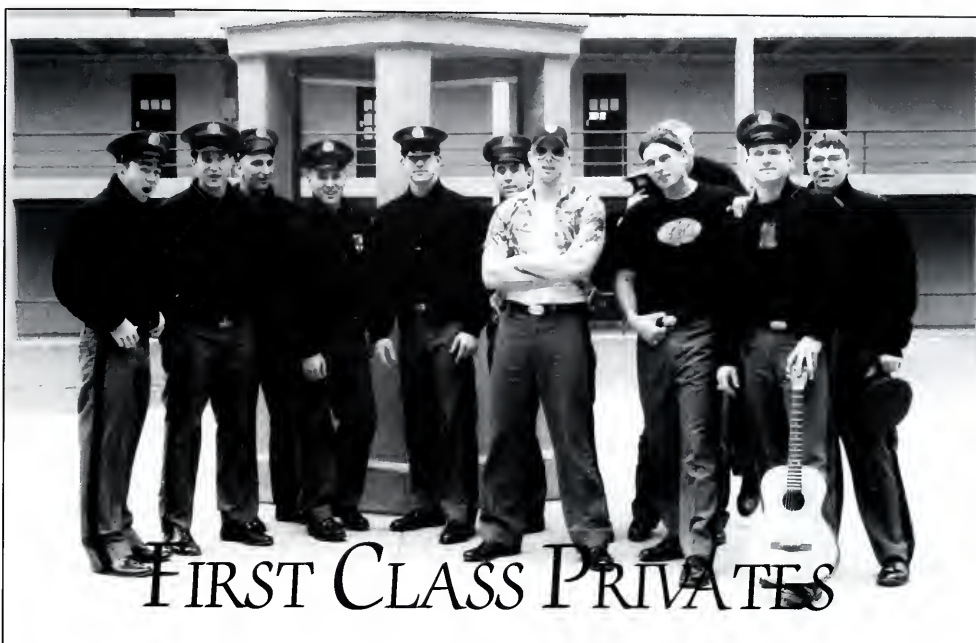
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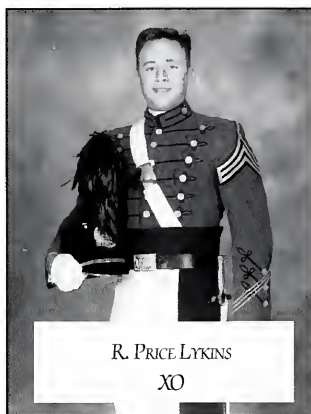
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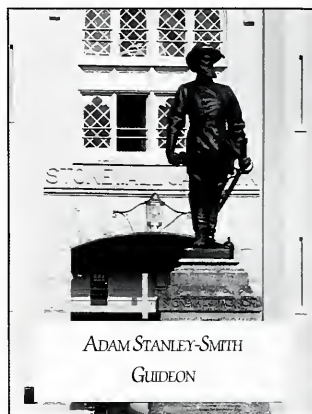
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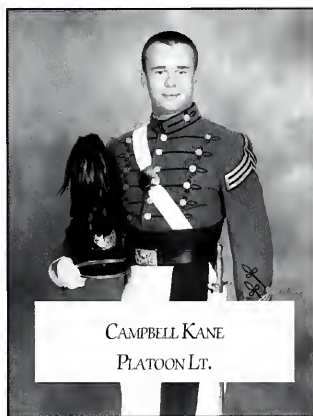
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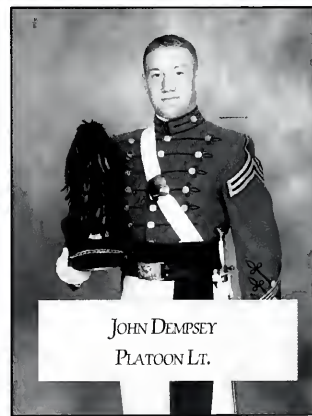
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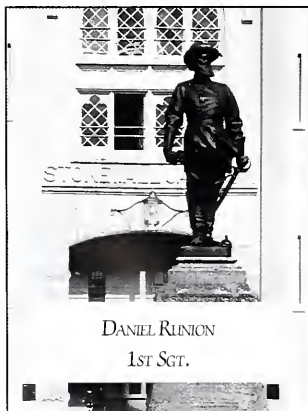
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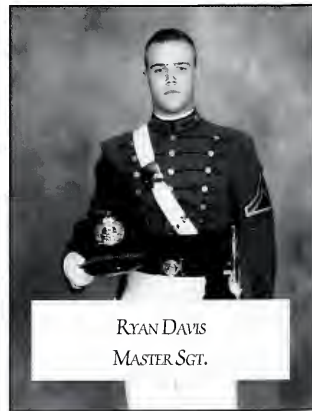
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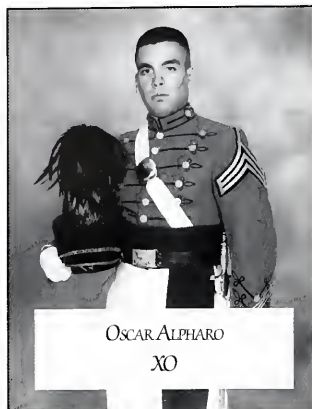
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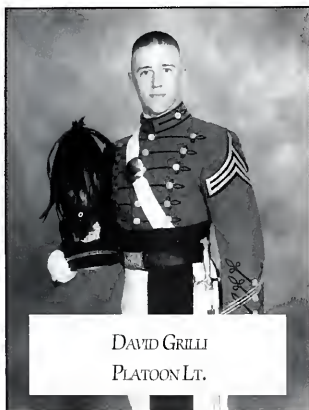
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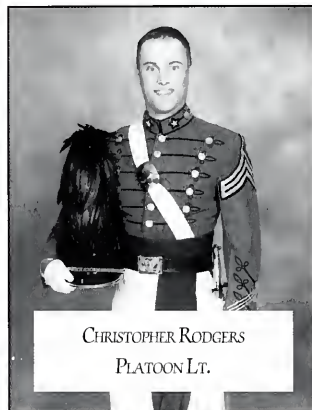
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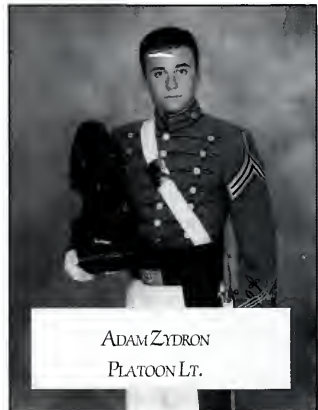
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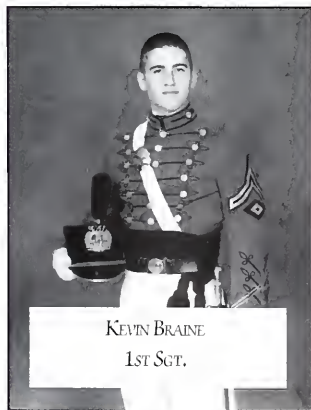
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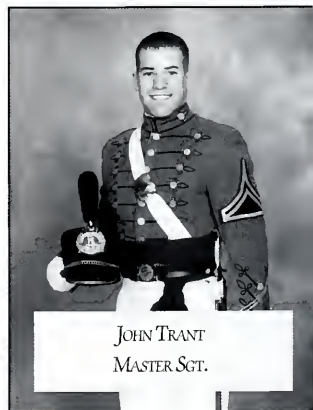
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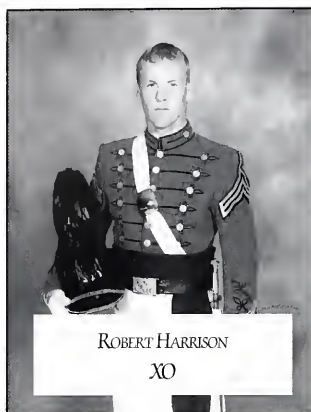
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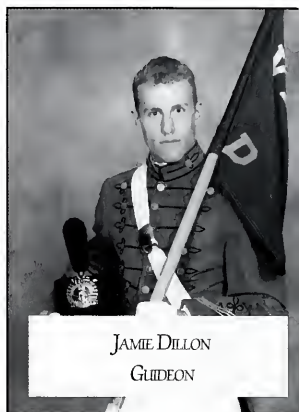
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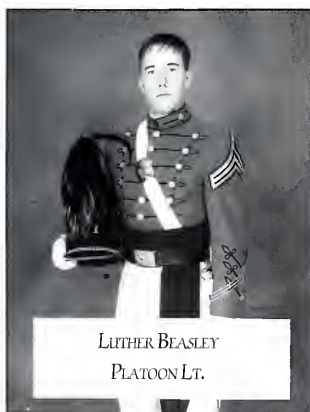
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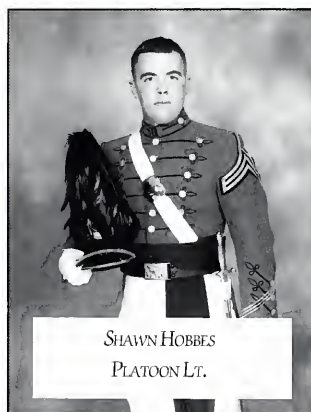
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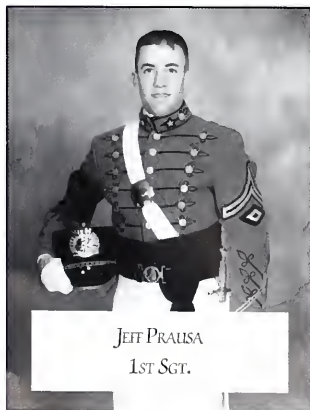
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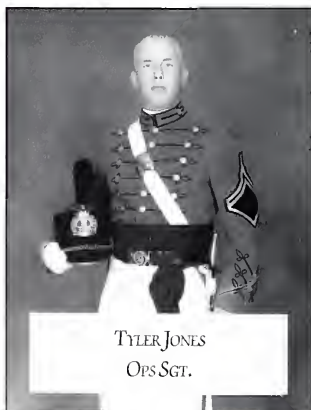
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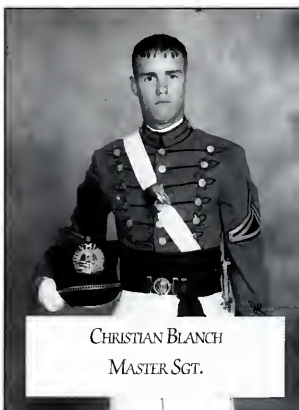
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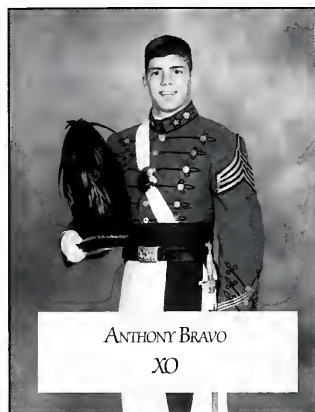
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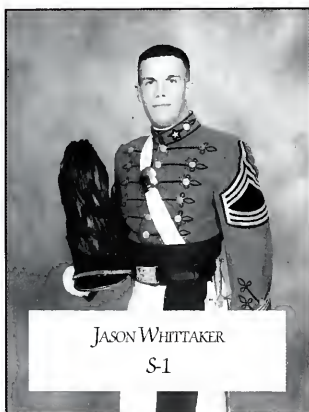
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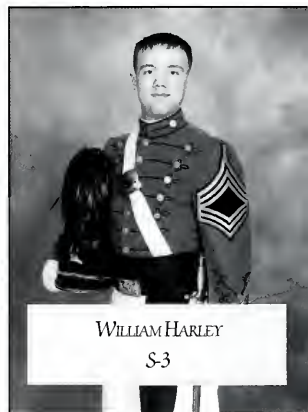
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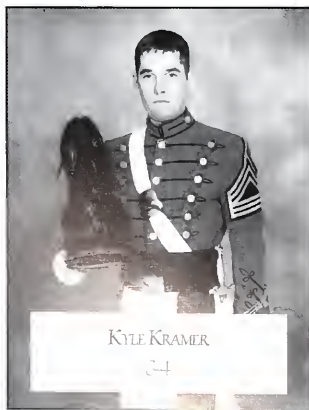
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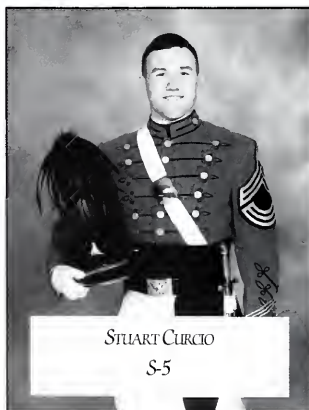
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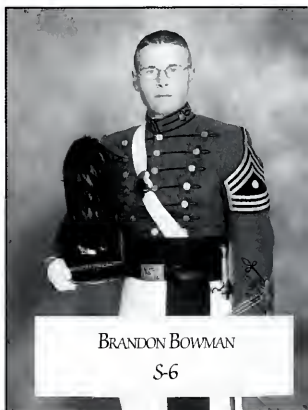
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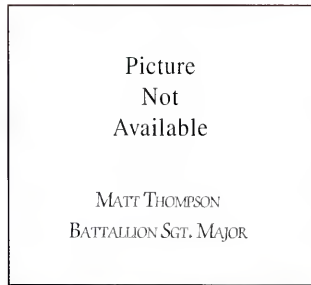
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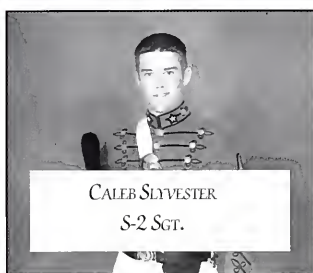


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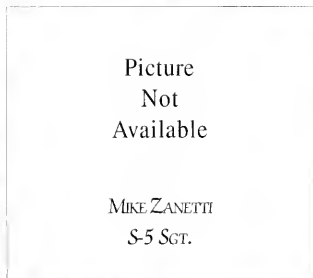
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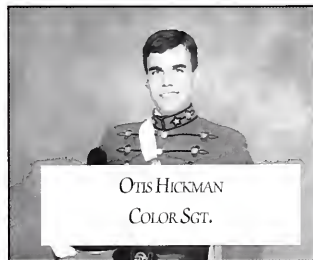
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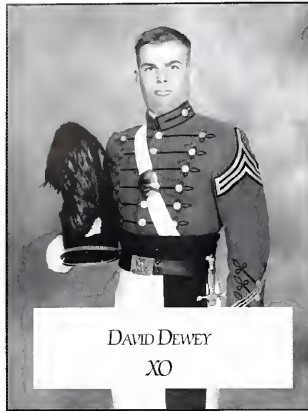


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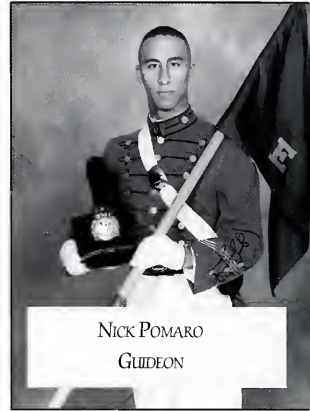
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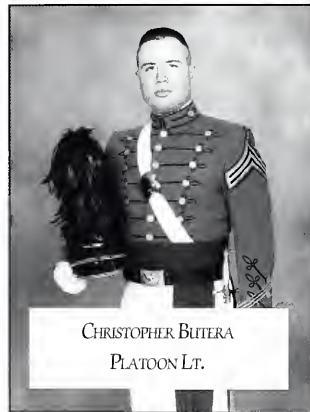
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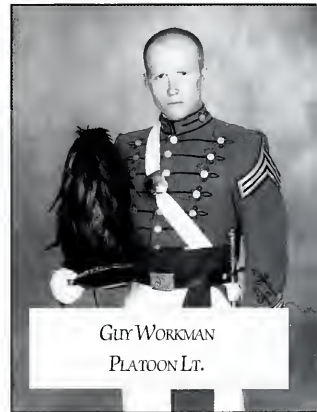
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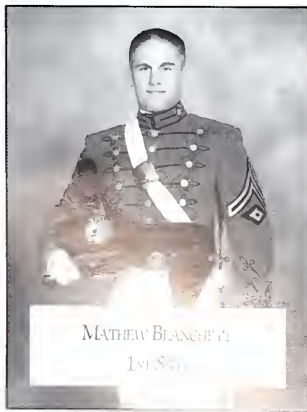
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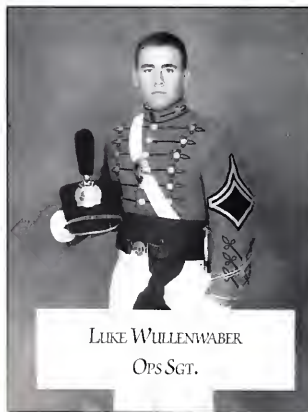
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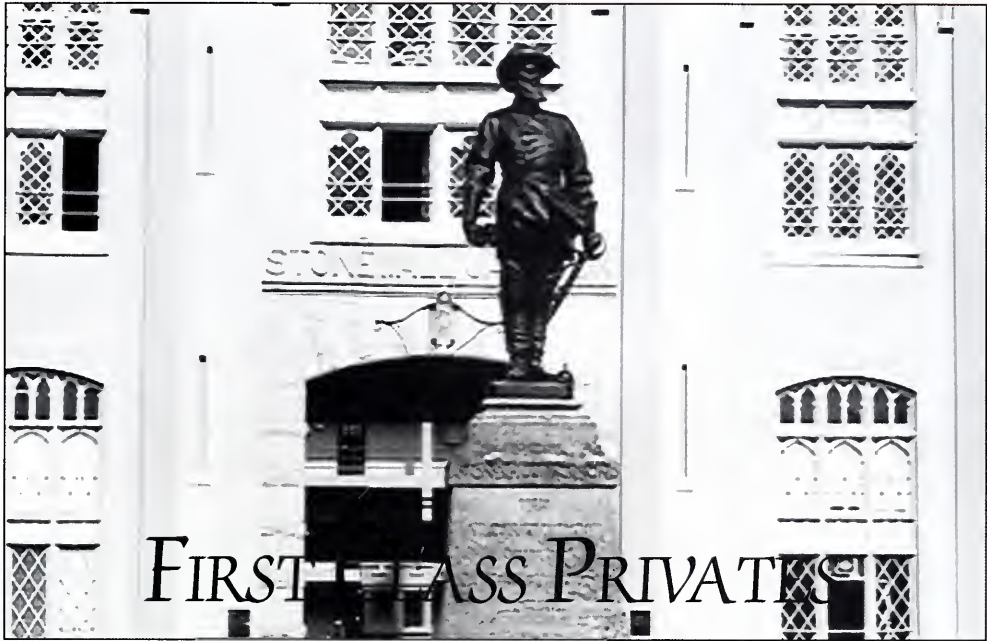
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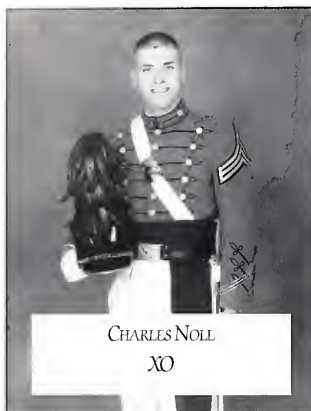
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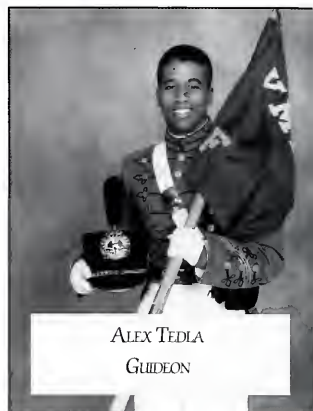
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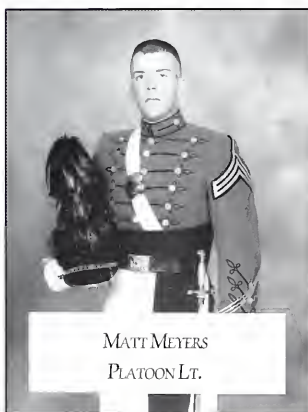
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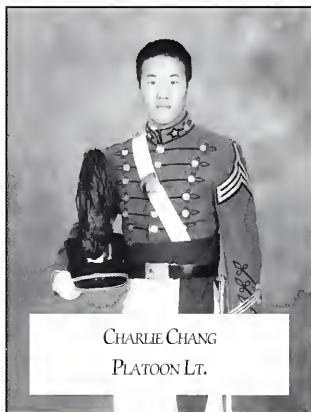
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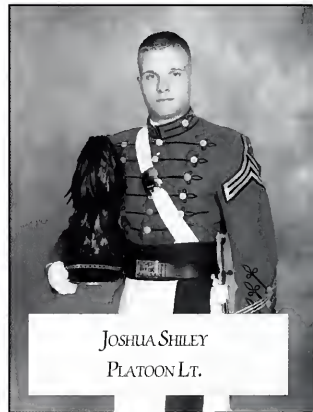
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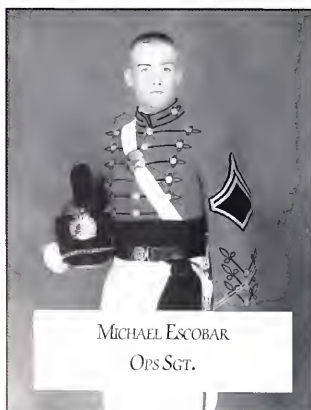
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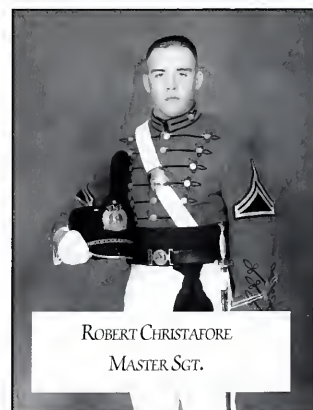
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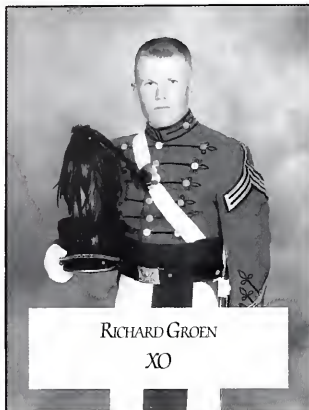
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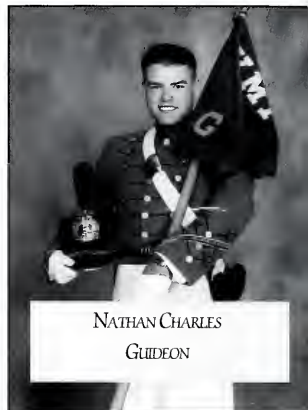
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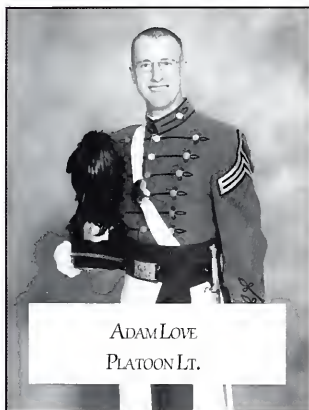
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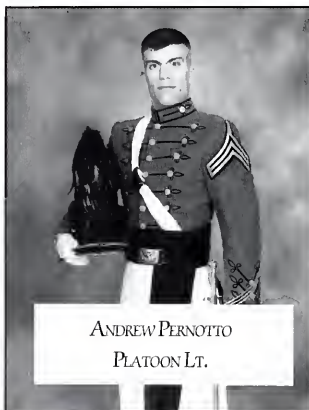
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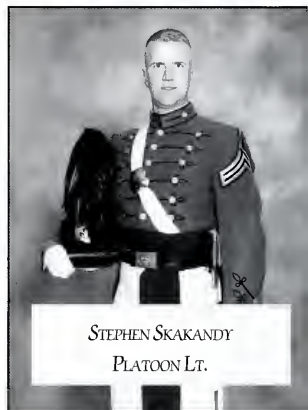
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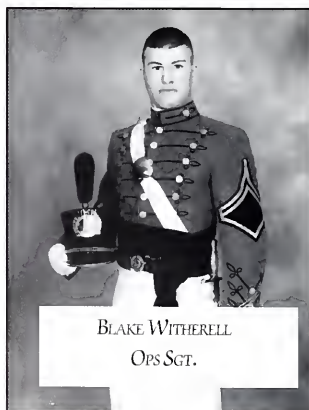
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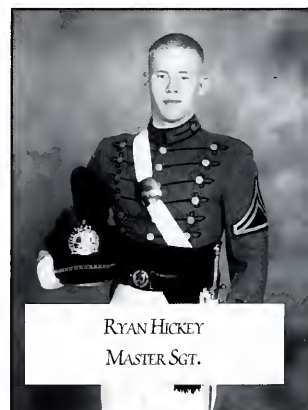
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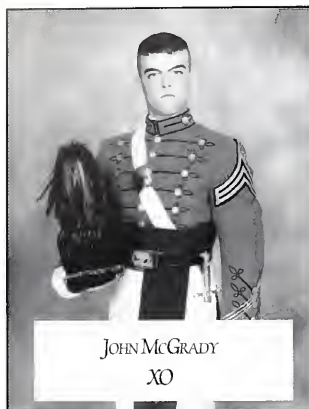
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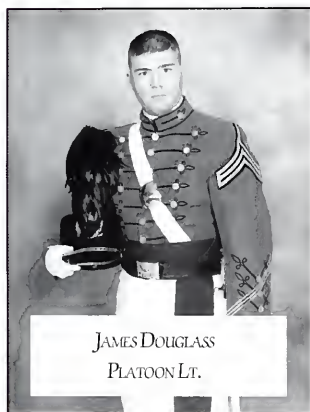
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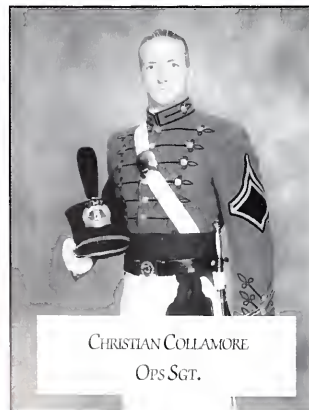
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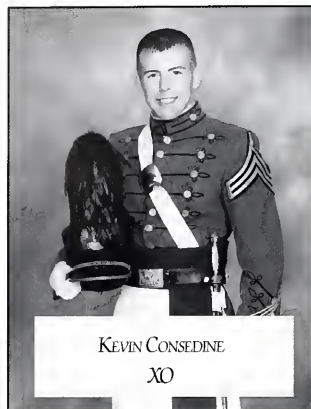


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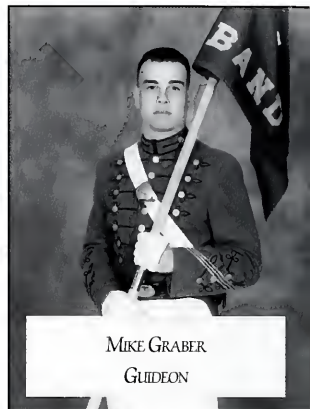
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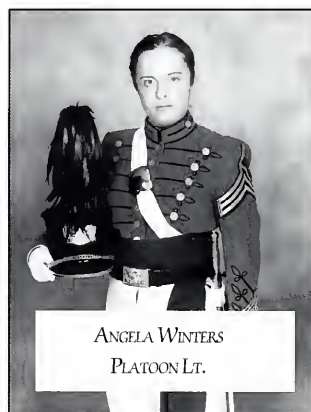
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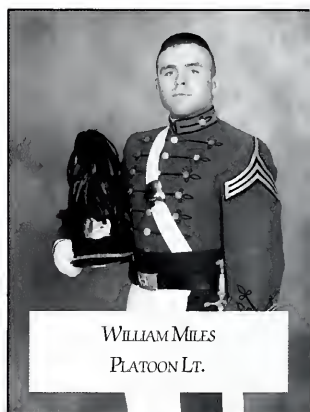
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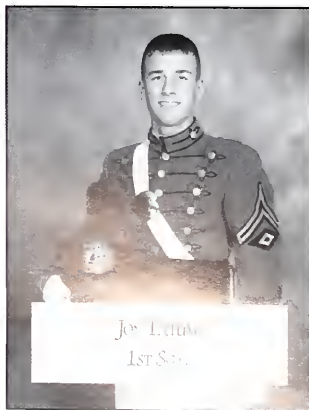
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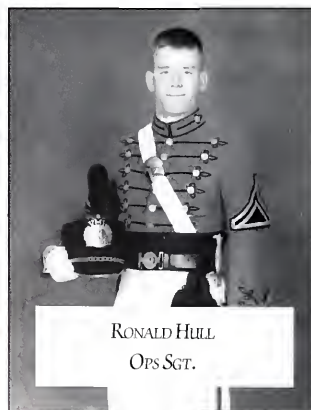
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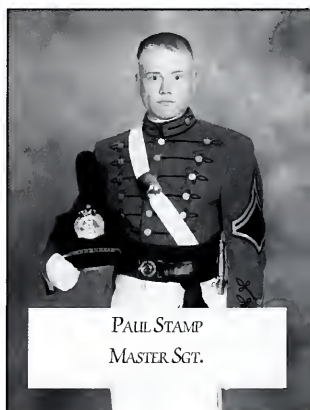
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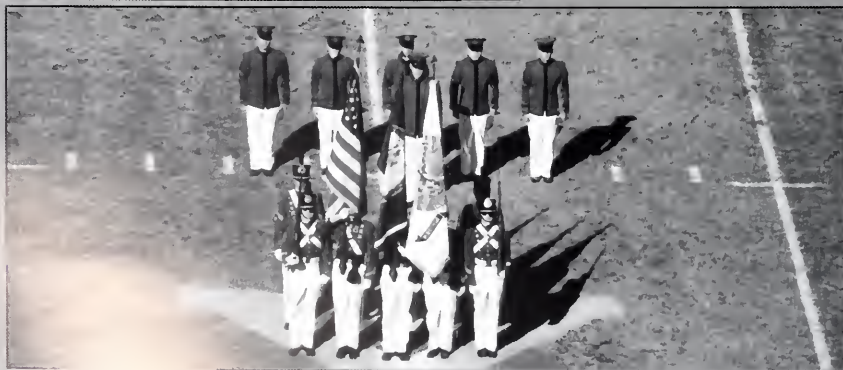


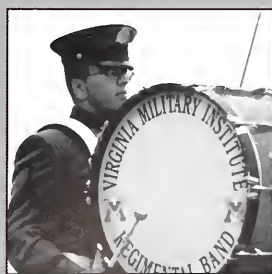
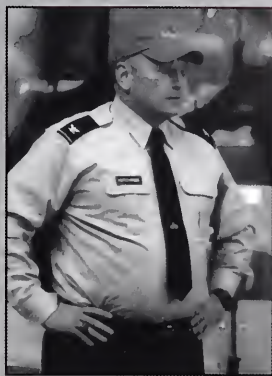
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PAUL STAMP
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Jonathan Daniels Award

The Daniels Humanitarian Award is named for Jonathan Myrick Daniels, VMI Class of 1961. While working as a civil rights volunteer in Alabama in 1965, Daniels was killed by a shotgun blast intended for a black teenager he was walking with. Ruby Sales Daniels was hit as he pushed Sales out of the path of the blast, saving her life.



James E. O'Connell, 2001 President of the College, presented the 2001 Jonathan Myrick Daniels Humanitarian Award.



H O M E C O M I N G



The
2000-2001 Homecoming Queen
Ms. Anita Nichols
Escorted by Cadet Howard Ni



*Ms. Natalie Cawthon
Escorted by Cadet Chris Rodger*



*Ms. Patricia Gabin
Escorted by Cadet Johnathan Schott*



*Ms. Kari Davenport
Escorted by Cadet Sidney Hazlewood*



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Homecoming

Court



*Ms. Sarah Vaglia
Escorted by Cadet Richard Groen*

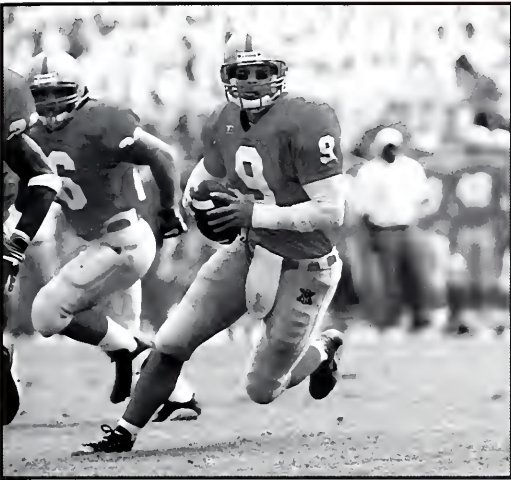


*Ms. Kelly Dewase
Escorted by Cadet Parker Reeves*



*Ms. Heather Minor
Escorted by Cadet Anthony Gelormine*





Parent's Weekend 2000



PARENT'S WEEKEND IS A TIME TO VISIT WITH BOTH FAMILY AND FRIENDS AS WELL AS RELAX FROM THE EVERYDAY NORMS OF VMI. FROM A CADET'S POINT OF VIEW, PARENT'S WEEKEND ALSO MEANS THAT RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED OR THE WEEKEND.









Study Abroad

Many cadets take the opportunity study away in foreign lands, whether it be in France or Beirut, or Scotland. Many cadets study abroad during one of the academic semesters to get away from VMI and expand their worldly knowledge or they may study abroad during the summer at one of VMI's supported foreign study programs in *Amman* or at *Cambridge*.





HOPS @ VMI

Hops at VMI are the equivalent to socials at other colleges. VMI Hops have been a tradition since the late 40's, especially the Ring Figure Ball held for the second classmen. Hops are attended by cadets and other students from the numerous colleges and universities.







Hoppin' Along







All
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Out



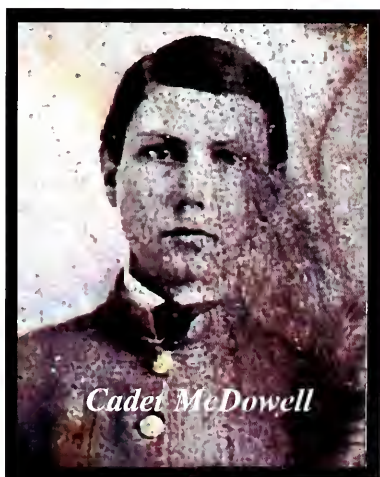


New Market 2001

On May 15, 1864, the VMI Corps of Cadets marched to New Market. The Corps while at New Market held off Union Soldiers from moving down into the Shenandoah Valley. However, this fight against the North caused 10 casualties among the Corps of Cadets. 6 of the 10 New Market Cadets are buried here on Post directly behind the statue of Virginia Mourning Her Dead. The Battle of New Market, is where many say that the Spirit of VMI was born. On the anniversary of the Battle of New Market, the Corps of Cadets hold a special parade and memorial service.



In 1904, the VMI Alumni Association presented to each member of the New Market Corps or his descendant a bronze "Cross of Honor." Suspended from a bar bearing the words "For Valor" is a cross on which appears, around the seal of the State of Virginia, "VMI Cadet Battalion, New Market, May 15, 1864". On the reverse is engraved the name of the battle veteran.



Cadets who died on the Field of Honor

*Private Hartsfield
Sergeant Cabell
Private Wheelwright
Private Stanard
Private Jefferson
Corporal Atwill
Private Crockett
Private Haynes
Private Jones
Private McDowell*



*"Put the Boys in... and
may God forgive me for
the order."*

-General John C. Breckinridge



**The
Primary
Purpose
of
VMI
is
Education**

*Academics
at VMI*





Physics



Chemistry



Math
&
Computer Science



Civil
Engineering



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*--Colonel John Leland--
The Man, The Myth, & The Legend*

Who's Who 2000-2001

The selection of Who's Who Among Student Leaders in Universities and Colleges include the names of 41 VMI cadets who have been selected as outstanding national campus leaders. A campus nominating committee and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these cadets based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

These cadets join an elite group of students from more than 2,300 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations.

Through their years of serving higher education, WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES® has become one of the most highly regarded and long-standing honors programs in the nation, having earned the overwhelming respect of college faculties and administrations. And for the students — the outstanding campus leaders of the year — national recognition by the Who's Who program marks a pinnacle of scholastic achievement.

Selections to WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES® are made each fall. Created to nominate the upperclassmen and graduate students eligible for the program, campus nominating committees are composed of representatives from the faculty, administration, and

student body.

This procedure of local nomination succeeds in highlighting the individual and diverse service to community and school. These are the young adults who enhance the positive image of American youth through their contributions to community and school.

Because curricular and extracurricular programs at schools vary greatly, each college is assigned a quota of nominees. This quota is carefully calculated to ensure a well-rounded representation of the student body. It should always be remembered that college students are the reservoir from which our nation draws its leadership strength.

This feeling about students is the guiding principle behind the WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES® program and our efforts to aid campuses proudly in honoring students who demonstrate consistent excellence.



William Alley



Britton Armstrong



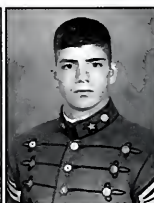
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Derek Bogdon



William Boulware



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Richard Brice



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Francis McCabe



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Erich Miller



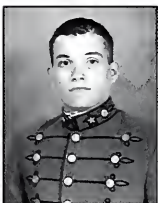
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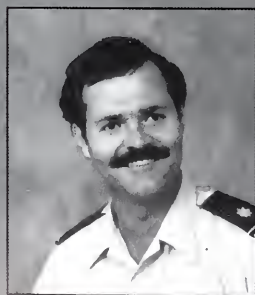
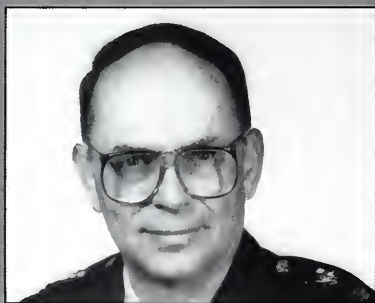


Angela Winters



Victor Zottig

Fabulous Faculty Faces



Past & Present



VMI ATHLETICS





Whole
Damn
Team



VMI RUGBY



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*On The
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VMI
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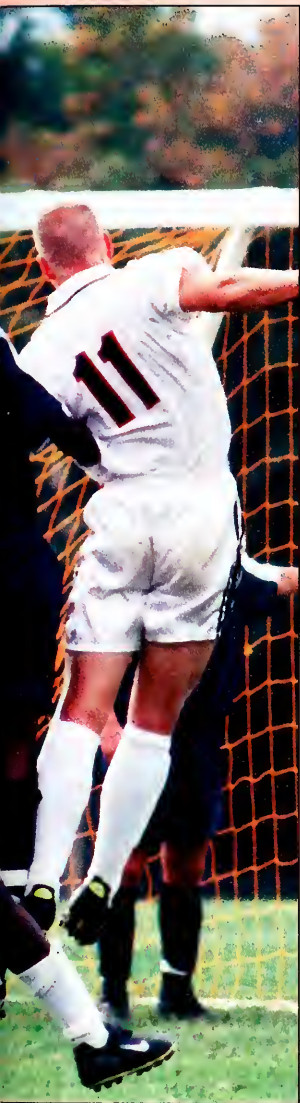




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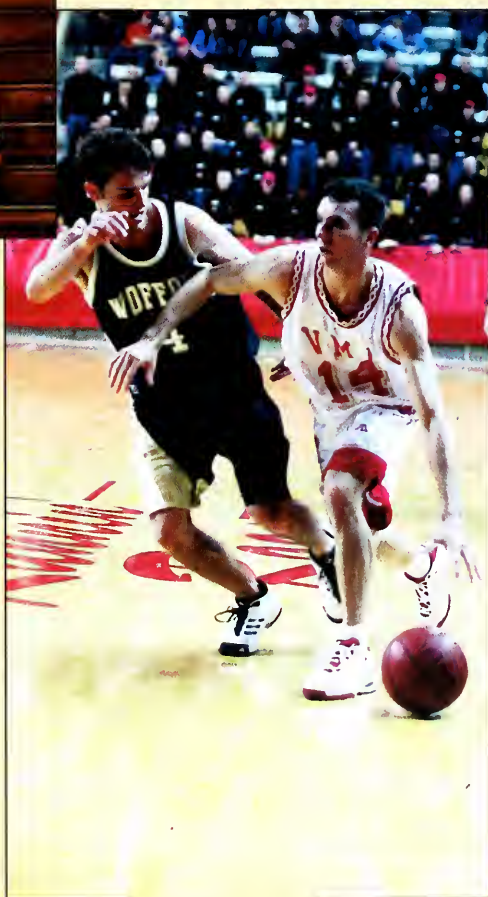


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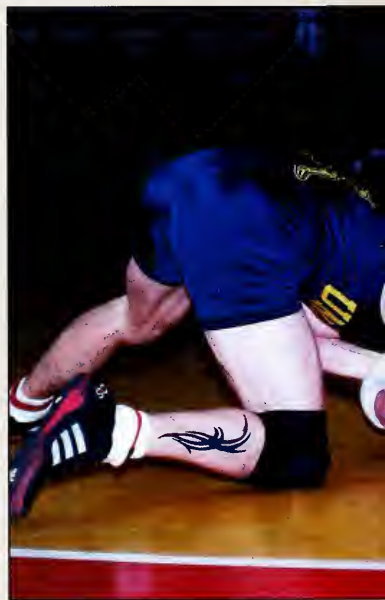


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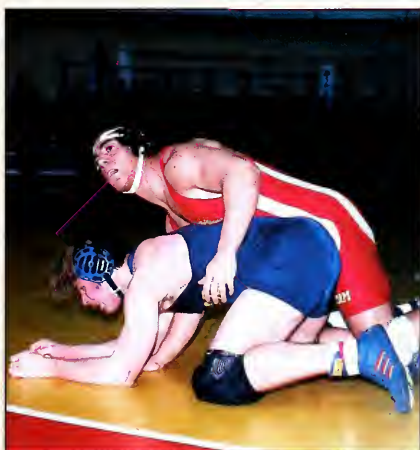
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*STICKIN'
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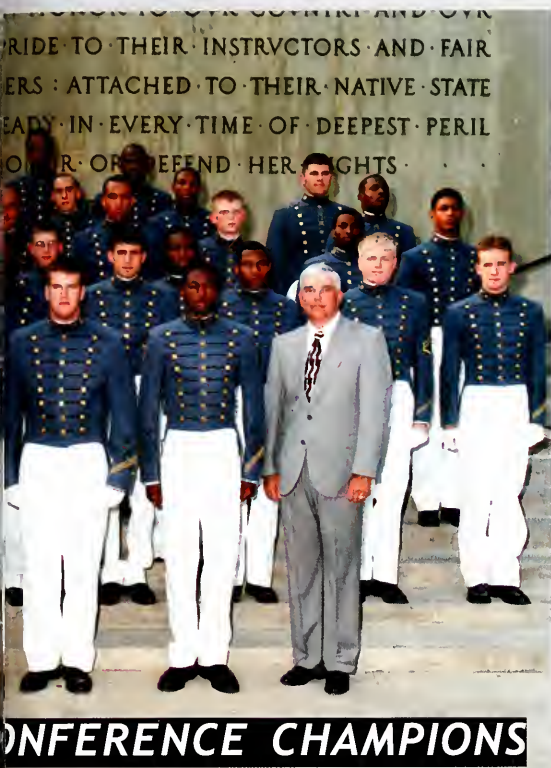
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On The Move



VMI TENNIS



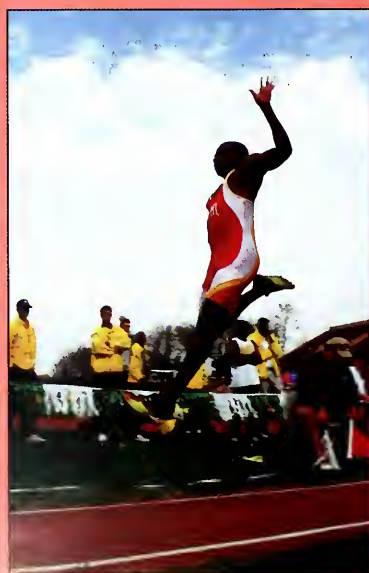
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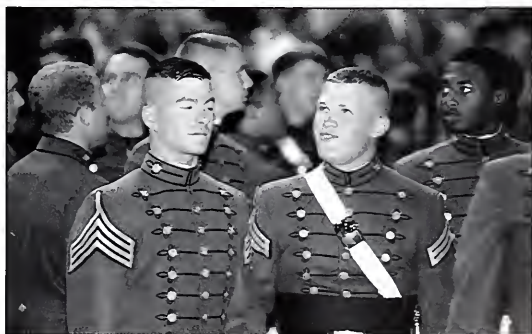
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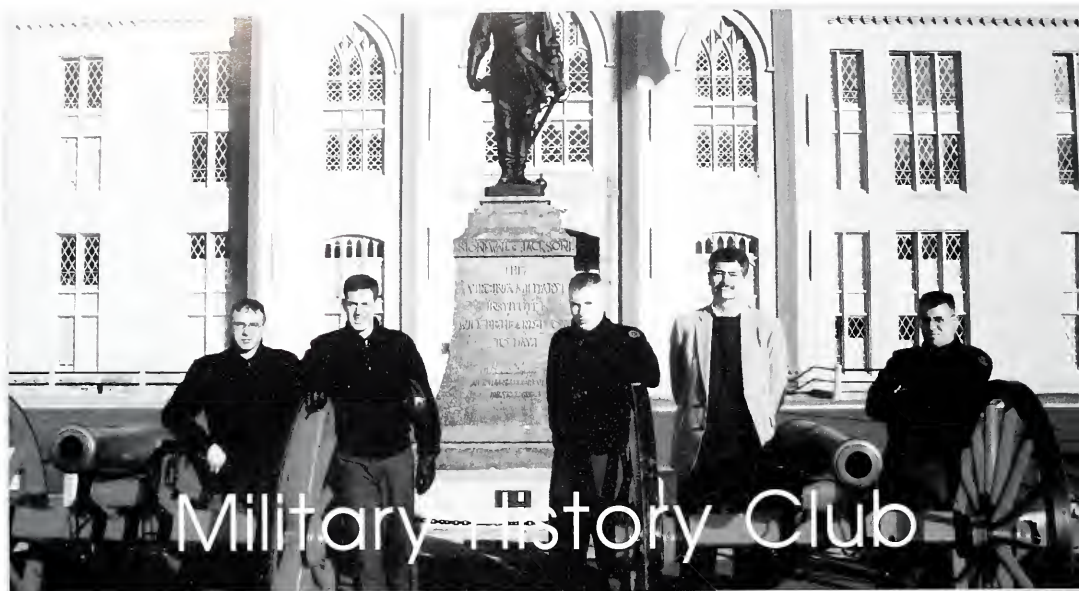
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Fire Department Crew

left to right: David Ross, Joe Matkins, David Rossi



El Puerto Appreciation Club

left to right: Price Lykins (Co-President), "Chewie" the Mexican, Dave Dewey (Co-President)
Not Pictured: Andy Hill



left to right: Peter Sok, Tom Cornell, Rich Kennedy, Josh Shiley



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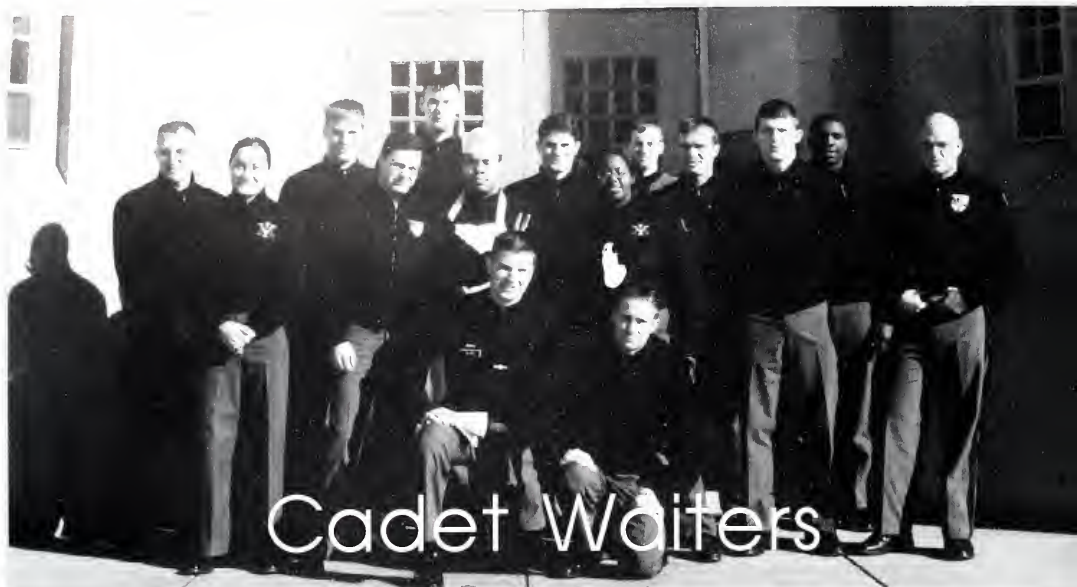
Back Row: Brian, Melissa Williams, Col. Boragana, Maria Vasile, Jenny Boensch; Back Row: Anna Russel, Nate Buxhovedon, Erin Claunch, Levin Harrison



Front Row: (left to right) Maj. Eckloff, Stu Curcio, Tri Trang, Jim Jayko, Anthony Bravo, Col. Calkins; Back Row: (left to right) Raphael Royal, Stephen DuMontier, Jason Ogg, Cliff Cook, Dawn Short, Bill Sinkinson, Mya Cavlovich



Kyle Paget, Rush Bown, Dan Groover, Salmaan Khawasa, Louis Cowardin III, Dermot Govon



Cadet Waiters

Front Row: (left to right) Dave Oliver, Steve Dugan; 2nd Row: (left to right) Virginia Upham, Tom Cornell, Dwight Thompson, Alexis Abrams, Brandon Waltrip, Jared Khunin; Back Row: (left to right) Andy Smith, Mike Andriunas, Derek Overstreet, Travis Stephenson, Dave Mayo



Fencing

left to right: [unclear], [unclear], [unclear], [unclear], [unclear], [unclear] Harley, Nate Buxhoveden, Joey Furtek, Bryce Dubee, Doug Warner

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Power Lifting

Front Row: (left to right) Trant RE, Trant JH, Lewis, EW, Talley WH; Second Row: (left to right) Bowman BW, Thompson MS, Runion DE, Woytowich A; Back Row: (left to right) Jones DN, Farris WB

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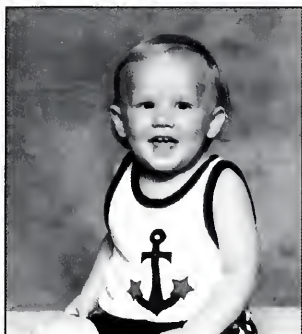
CONGRATULATIONS MIKE AND THE CLASS OF 2001



You've come a long way and the journey is just beginning.

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Julie





**Brian
Lengvarsky**

Class of 01

V. M. I.



Thanks for all of the memories at V.M.I. football games, tailgating, ring figure etc. It was worth every mile coming to see you. You endured so many tough times without us, but our love and prayers were always with you.

May God Bless you and V.M.I.

*With all our love,
We are so incredibly proud of you,
Your Family*



Cadet William J. Myers

Class of 2001

Congratulations!

**We Are All So Very
Proud of You.**

Love Always,

**Mom, Gary, Dad, Dana,
Granny and Grandma**





Price,

You had it in your sights all along. (And in your blood, and on every sweatshirt you ever wore.)

May you and your BRs forever know the bonds of brotherhood that exist along this road you chose . . . "the one less traveled by."

We're so proud of you!

**Love,
Dad, Mom, & Marisa**



Just Do It!



"From this day to the ending of the World,
...we in it shall be remembered
...we band of brothers"

Henry V

Congratulations

Todd, William, Eric, David

*Dear Kevin,
From the moment you were
born, you have brought
such joy into our lives! The
love and pride we feel for
you is immeasurable! Your
dedication and
accomplishments at VMI
have been Outstanding-
only to prove what we
already knew.*

*You have so much to offer
this world, and, no doubt
will continue to be a
blessing to many! Just
keep your eyes focused on
Christ as number one in
your life-He has great
plans for you Kevin!!!
We love you so much son,
and pray for God's very
best in your life,*

*Mom & Dad
Proverbs 3:5-6 (Grandpa)*



To Scott Presser

Dear Son,

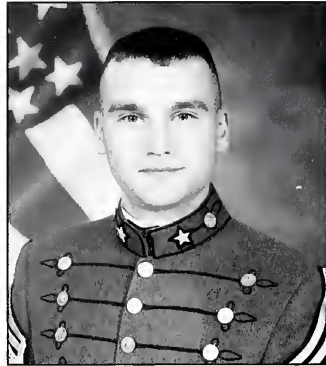
Very few people can have a childhood dream and then make it come true. Through all your hard work and perseverance you were not only able to earn your commission and degree, you did it without ever sacrificing your principles or honor. The entire family is very proud and happy for you.

Airborne - "all the way"

Love

Mom, Dad & Dave

Keith Allen'01
Congratulations on your
graduation and commission.
We are proud of you.
Love Mom and Popie



CONGRATULATIONS VICTOR!
WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!
YOU CHOSE THE ROAD LESS
TRAVELED WHICH WAS LONG
AND HARD, BUT YOU MADE IT
TO THE TOP!

LOVE,
MOM, DAD AND VANESSA

WHEN DREAMS BECOME A PART OF HISTORY, THEN LIVING
YOUR DREAMS BECOMES YOUR FUTURE. TO OUR SOLDIER OF
GOD AND COUNTRY:

GOOD LUCK AND ALWAYS

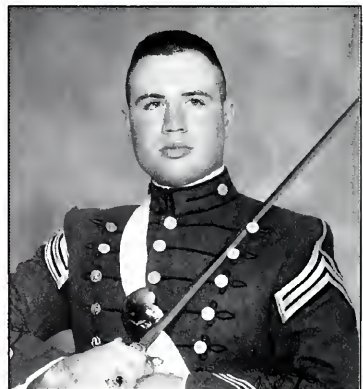
GOD BLESS - OUR NEW 2nd Lt.

2nd Lt. Christopher S. Butera Engr.

WITH LOVE ALWAYS:
MOM & DAD



CHRIS
VMI
2001





Good Luck in the future

*You have done a great
job at VMI*



*Love and Prayers
from all those pictured
here go with you as
you move on.*





HARRISON GREGORY
ST. CHRISTOPHERS '00
VMI '04

TRAVERS CLEMONS
ST. CHRISTOPHERS '94
VMI '98

WILSON MUSTIAN
ST. CHRISTOPHERS '97
VMI '01

“ “ “ “ CARRYING ON! ! ! !

To Cadet Captain Jonathan Mazur, 01

**You entered VMI as a young man
four years ago and you have graduated
as a leader of men and women.**

**You have made us all proud but more
importantly, you have achieved so very
much for yourself and your future!**

**Congratulations and love,
Mom and Dad, all the Mazurs
and the Baileys**

JIM, HENDERSON, AND PARKER:

You've made it from being

little rats.



...to the big cheese!

CONGRATULATIONS FROM YOUR PARENTS!

Congratulations, C-31, Will, Scott, Brian, Luke & Doug



GO BIG RED



Nicholas R. Pohoreskey

You once said that your
destiny was to be a leader,
but we always knew that!
Congratulations!

Love, Dad, Mom, Michelle,
Jessica, Spanky and Spike

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I am so proud of you Jarrett
and Patrick.
The world is a better place
with you in it.
Dad

CONGRATULATIONS

Jarrett !

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With a Bright
Future !

Andy !

You Are off
To a Great
Start !

Many Thanks,
Don & Ronnie

Love,
Mom & Dad

**"Congratulations" to
John W. Humphries, Jr.**



Love, Mom, Dad, and Austin

From Little Rat



TO TOP CAT



IN FOUR GLORIOUS YEARS

Congratulations, Dave

**Mom, Dad, Rebecca, Tom, Christina,
Katherine, Robert
& Heidi**

**You have:
Set the Standard !
Raised the Bar !
Increased the Weights !**

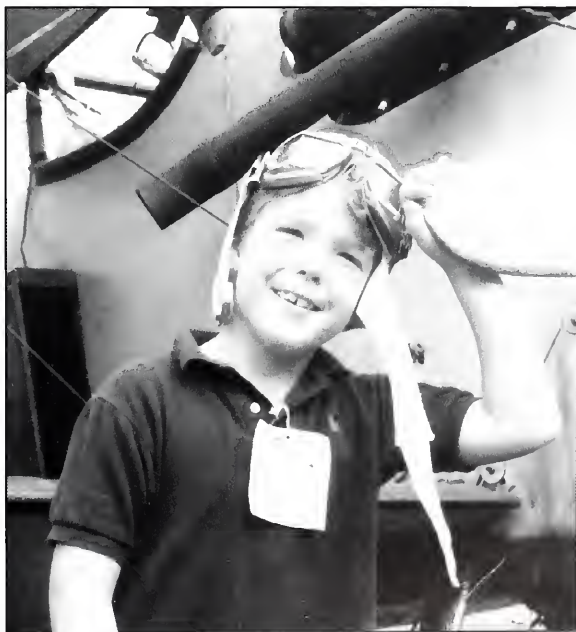
**We love you and respect your character
and determination !**

Seize the Moment !

Dear Bobby,

I hope the Navy gives you a better plane than this one.

*Love,
Liv*





**... and we
thought you
wanted to be
Cowboys.**



Jim and Jason



**We were proud
of you then and
We're proud of
you now.**

**Congratulations
We love you**

**Dad, Mom,
Ryan and The
entire**

Gleason/Cote clan



PETER B KENT '04



HOOAH!!!

**CONGRATS
ON
BREAKOUT!**

May you always be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that brings forth fruit in season, and may your leaves never wither; and whatsoever you do, may you always prosper as you continue to delight yourself in the word of the Lord. We love you, we are so proud of you, and we believe in you!

- Your Family -

Cadet Nicholas J. Shallcross
Class of 2003

Success is having something to be enthusiastic about. May your enthusiasm be never ending.

Love Dad & Mom



“For I know the plans I have for you”, says the Lord, “thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11

Congratulations Elijah-

We love you and are proud of you--

Mom, Dad, Micah, Jordan and Adam

Grandma June and Grandma Christie

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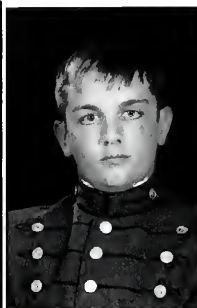
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GRANDMA, AMY &
ANDREW**

Cadet Michael R. Zanetti

**Congratulations Mike.....on completing
3 years at VMI. We are so proud of you
and all your accomplishments. Our best
wishes for future happiness & success!!**

Love, Dad & Mom

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VMI CADET DANIEL CAMPBELL '01



From a tall skinny boy at Hargrave Military Academy to a frightened "Rat" and eventually a graduate of VMI, what a trip on which you have been. You went away to school much too soon and yet for you to have accomplished this goal, it had to be. Look at the footprints that have been left there which you have followed. There was Jackson, Marshall, Bunting, and, the soldiers, marines, sailors, and airmen, as well as the medals of honor that hang in the museum. Don't stop now! You have achieved an education and experienced life as only can be done at VMI, the greatest institution of higher learning in the USA! Congratulations, son. We love you and wish for you the best that life can offer...

Mom and Dad

**Dear Jake,
Congratulations on your graduation.
Wishing you much health and
success in the future.**

**All our Love,
Britta & Thomas, Liz & Merry,
the Abbotts and the Silversteins**

BRADY AARON DANIELS

By choosing the road less
traveled, you have accomplished
what very few would even
attempt.

CONGRATULATIONS

As you leave VMI
Take with you the words of
Ralph Waldo Emerson



To laugh often and much, to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. THIS IS TO HAVE SUCCEEDED.

Your family is so proud of you and loves you very much!

"JUST PUSH — RAT"



BREAKOUT



THIRD CLASSMAN

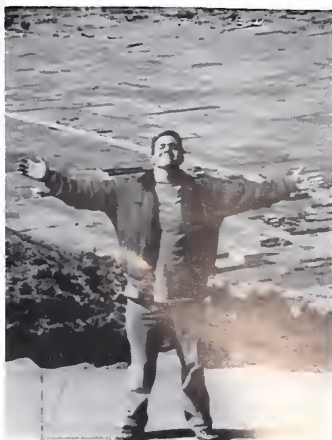


Cadet Mark Nemeth

"VMI — What a Ride
What an Accomplishment!"

Congratulations Son !
Dad & Mom

BOLIVIA — FIRST CLASSMAN



HUNGARY — SECOND CLASSMAN



IRELAND



James Christopher Jayko



then ...

Whether it's music, your
first car, a job or your
education
Perseverance and hard
work have served you well
We're so proud of you and
your fellow cadets
May your character, desire
and continued hard work
Help you be successful,
honorable and happy in the
rest of your life.

We love you,
Mom & Dad



... now

Congratulations Rusty and THE CLASS of 2001



You have worked very hard for the end of this
journey, Now the adventure of life begins.

Your steadfast determination will take you to your
goals. Grab the stars and enjoy the ride, Rusty, you deserve
it all. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments.
God bless you and the Class of 2001.

Love Mom, Andy, Matt
And your hometown of Jarrett, VA.



Baseball

(15-31 Overall, 8-18 SoCon)

VMI 3 Air Force 4
 VMI 7 Air Force 15/VMI 7 Air Force 2
 VMI 1 Air Force 6
 VMI 10 Bucknell 13/VMI 6 Bucknell 9
 VMI 10 Bucknell 9
 VMI 10 Bucknell 9
 VMI 6 Richmond 12
 VMI 3 Radford 12
 VMI 0 The Citadel 8
 VMI 1 The Citadel 8
 VMI 2 The Citadel 7
 VMI 6 UNCG 10
 VMI 4 UNCG 13
 VMI 9 UNCG 14
 VMI 0 VCU 7
 VMI 11 Norfolk State 2
 VMI 7 Lafayette 3/VMI 3 Lafayette 2
 VMI 11 Lafayette 5
 VMI 6 Furman 2/VMI 4 Furman 7
 VMI 6 Furman 4
 VMI 5 Brown 10
 VMI 7 Brown 3
 VMI 3 VPI 7
 VMI 4 GSU 18
 VMI 4 GSU 9
 VMI 14 GSU 21
 VMI 6 ASU 9/VMI 10 ASU 9
 VMI 5 ASU 17
 VMI 1 W&M 12
 VMI 7 Davidson 17
 VMI 4 Davidson 17/VMI 8 Davidson 2
 VMI 6 College of Charleston 2
 VMI 1 College of Charleston 8
 VMI 7 College of Charleston
 VMI 5 VCU 13
 VMI 2 ETSU 9/VMI 12 ETSU 17
 VMI 11 ETSU 5
 VMI 3 WCU 5/VMI 15 WCU 8

Basketball

(9-19 Overall, 5-12 SoCon)

VMI 103 Metro South 100
 VMI 84 GT Express 92
 VMI 68 VPI 92
 VMI 69 JMU 87
 VMI 74 Howard 57
 VMI 88 Howard 91
 VMI 70 Virginia 89
 VMI 46 Morehead State 57
 VMI 81 Old Dominion 89
 VMI 75 Randolph-Macon 62
 VMI 77 MWC 47
 VMI 68 South Carolina 82
 VMI 72 Appalachian State 81
 VMI 70 Western Carolina 69
 VMI 71 Furman 66
 VMI 64 The Citadel 79
 VMI 69 UNC Greensboro 73
 VMI 60 Davidson 68
 VMI 60 ETSU 74
 VMI 62 Western Carolina 82
 VMI 67 Davidson 70
 VMI 83 Chattanooga 77
 VMI 58 UNC Greensboro 79
 VMI 68 Wofford 60
 VMI 73 Georgiana Southern 78
 VMI 63 Charleston Southern 57
 VMI 53 College of Charleston 71
 VMI 62 ETSU 75
 VMI 73 Appalachian State 51
 VMI 59 Georgia Southern 76



Cross Country

NCAA Regional Qualifying Meet
SoCon Championships
Furman Invitational
Southern Conference Preview
Great American Cross Country Festival
Winthrop Invitational
Lou Onesty Invitational—UVA
Virginia Tech Invitational



Football

(2-9 Overall, 1-7 SoCon)

VMI 31 Duquesne 57
VMI 15 W&M 55
VMI 3 ETSU 38
VMI 21 Furman 35
VMI 3 Georgia Southern 56
VMI 28 Wofford 45
VMI 14 Chattanooga 27
VMI 40 Charleston Southern 7
VMI 31 Western Carolina 41
VMI 0 Appalachian State 52
VMI 41 The Citadel 21

Lacrosse

(3-10 Overall)

VMI 4 Butler 11
VMI 7 Canisius 8
VMI 8 Lafayette 7
VMI 7 Manhattan 8
VMI 5 Quinnipac 13
VMI 7 Ohio State 15
VMI 3 Air Force 5
VMI 7 Providence 8
VMI 15 Siena 3
VMI 11 Lehigh 16
VMI 12 Radford 15
VMI 12 St. Andrews 9
VMI 5 W&L 15

Golf

Buck Leslie Invitational 12 of 15
Seahawk/River Landing Intercollegiate 15 of 15
Radford Intercollegiate 13 of 14
Davidson Invitational 10 of 10
The Citadel Invitational 11 of 12
Southern Conference Championship 12 of 12



Soccer

(5 -12 Overall, 2-6 SoCon)

- VMI 2 Manhattan 1
- VMI 0 GWU 1
- VMI 0 UNC Asheville 2
- VMI 4 Elon 2
- VMI 4 The Citadel 2
- VMI 1 UNC Greensboro 7
- VMI 2 Appalachian State 4
- VMI 1 College of Charleston 2
- VMI 0 Davidson 4
- VMI 1 Georgia Southern 5
- VMI 2 VPI 6
- VMI 2 St. Francis 1
- VMI 2 Wofford 1
- VMI 0 W&L 3
- VMI 1 UNC Wilmington 3
- VMI 1 Furman 7
- VMI 1 Davidson 3

Rifle

(5-2 Overall)

- VMI Invitational 1 of 5
- VMI 4339 Nebraska 4605
- VMI 4349 Morehead St (M) 4342,
Morehead St (W) 4231
- Walsh Rifle Meet 15 of 18
- VMI 3508 Mass. Maritime 3315
- VMI 4368 Navy 4621 Drexel 4066
- VMI 4350 N. C. State 4330
- MAC Championships VMI 2221
- Duquesne University 2215

Tennis

(8-13 Overall, 0-11 SoCon)

- VMI 0 ASU 5
- VMI 0 Liberty 7
- VMI 0 Georgia Southern 7
- VMI 0 College of Charleston
- VMI 0 Citadel 7
- VMI 0 Furman 7
- VMI 0 Davidson 7
- VMI 0 UNCG 7
- VMI 0 Chattanooga 7
- VMI 0 App State 7
- VMI 0 ETSU 7
- VMI 0 Lynchburg 5
- VMI 0 Wofford 6
- VMI 7 Davis & Elkins 0
- VMI 1 Washington & Lee 6
- VMI 5 Shepherd College 1
- VMI Ferrum College Classic Tournament
- VMI 5 Roanoke 2
- W & L Invitational Tournament
- VMI 7 Eastern Mennonite 0

Swimming (0-5)

Southern States Championships 4th of 6 teams

- VMI 79, Radford 24, VMI 71, Appalachian State 31
- VMI 67, W&L 138
- VMI 99, Mary Washington 106
- VMI 89, College of Charleston 143
- VMI 68, Catholic 137
- VMI 96, Delaware 181

**Track & Field
(Indoor & Outdoor)**

IC4A Championships
Southern Conference Indoor Championships
Pepsi Valentine's Invitational
VMI Winter Relays
Pepsi Indoor Invitational
Kroger Indoor Invitational
VMI Invitational
ECAC/IC4A Championships
UNC-NCCU May Madness
Penn Relays
Southern Conference Championships
Colonial Relays
Raleigh Relays
Weems Baskin sprint Relays



Wrestling **(2-11 Overall, 2-3 SoCon)**

Southern Conference Tournament – 3rd of 6

VMI 12 Chattanooga 27

VMI 21 The Citadel 19

VMI 20 UNC Greensboro 22

VMI 7 Appalachian State 31

All-Academy Championships – 5th of 8

VMI 9 Virginia Tech 38

VMI 22 Old Dominion 24

Virginia Intercollegiate Championships – 5th of 7

VMI 6 James Madison 34

VMI 11 George Mason 33

VMI 3 Duke 40

VMI 0 N.C. State 40

VMI 15 Campbell 22

VMI 13 American 29

Midlands Invitational

Penn State Invitational

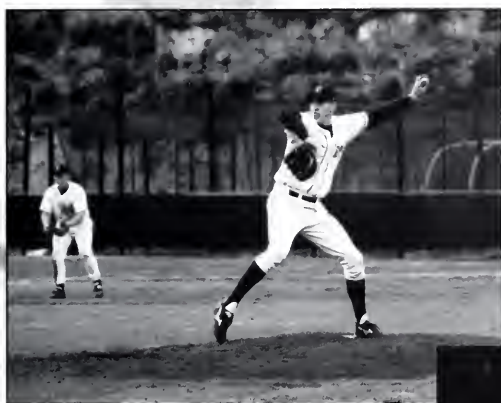
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Bloomsburg Invitational

VMI Invitational

Coppin State Invitational





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his son fulfills his own
promise.**





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Mother, Dad, Heather, Allison, Brandon & Uncle Mike

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Class of 2002

Wear Your Ring With Pride

Love,
Mom and Bret



CONGRATULATIONS
TOMMY!

YOU DID THE MARCH
AND CONQUERED "THE
HILL" YOU HAVE MADE
US PROUD TO BE YOUR
PARENTS AND SISTER

LOVE, MOM, DAD &
TERESA

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MEXICO AGAIN?

CONGRATULATIONS
CADET C.W. HAAS

BEST WISHES

ALL MY LOVE

GRANDMA HAAS

***Dear Jake,
Congratulations on your
graduation.***

***Your Proud and Loving
grandparents.***

Reggie & Buddie

CADET TODD DOUGLAS JASPER



"If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours."

Thoreau

Todd:

*We are so very proud of you.
You are a very talented young man
with much to offer the world. We
wish you happiness and success in
your future endeavors.*

All Our Love,

Dad, Mom, Jenn & Tiger

CONGRATULATIONS

Anthony

&

Brian



Godspeed,
Your Families

Cadet David R. Rossi, VMI '02

**Congratulations on your
Chairmanship of the '02 Ring
Figure Committee. We are all
proud to share in the wearing
of our VMI rings.**

Love, Mom, Dad and Grandma Mary

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CADET CARL HAAS**

You are our special Uncle!

We will miss visiting you in
your castle!

Love,
CAROLINE & MEG

*Congratulations to the
Men and Women of the
Class of 2001*

Optima dies...prima fugit.

**Congratulations Adam T. Love.
You not only reached for the
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We are all very proud of you.**

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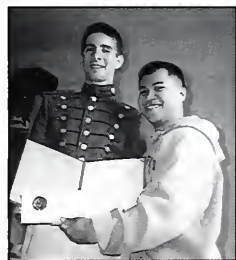
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John-

**This image will stay in our minds and heart forever. Wherever you journey,
whatever you do, May the memory of Our hugs embrace you.**

Congratulations!

You did it! The Hard way! The V.M.I way!

Love

Mom, Dad, B.J., Joyce Anne

John,

Aint no mountain high, no valley low, no river wide enough. If you need us call us no matter how far just call our name. We'll be there in a hurry you don't have to worry. Cause there aint no mountain high enough, aint no valley low enough, aint no river wide enough to keep us from getting to you.

Love,

Dad, Mom, April and Mark

We love you with all our hearts and we are so proud of you.

Grandma, Grandad, Mary, Uncle Jerry, Aunt Celeste, Aunt Lisha, Uncle Greg, Uncle Mike, Aunt Sherry, Uncle Mike, Aunt Pat and your many cousins.



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Isaiah 40:31

Love, Anna, Mama, Daddy & Lady

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Your # is 31...

In our hearts you are

Always # **1**... in

Lacrosse and in

All you do.

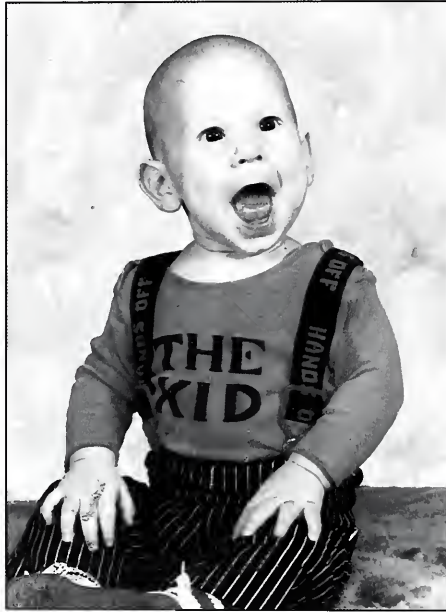


Best Wishes
&
Continuing Success
Love,

Mom, Dad
& Andrew

Cody & Dusty say
“me too!”

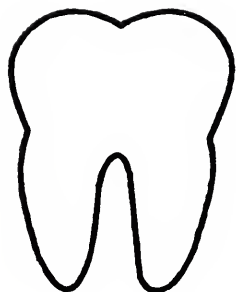
Scott Edward Keblusek
You've Come a Long Way, Baby!!!



You have fought the good fight,
You have finished the race,
And you have kept the faith.

(2 Timothy 4:7)

With all our love and blessings,
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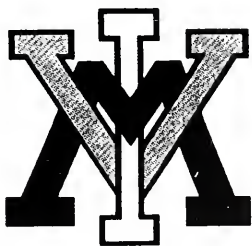
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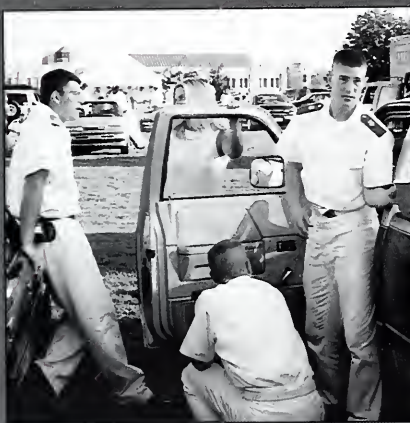
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